

OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JANUARY 8, 2019

JANUARY 8, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District met in regular session at 6:00PM on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Shelly Herr, Sharma Parlett, Erik Edgren, Amanda McGraw, and Lynette Stream. Members Carl Drost and Kraig Van Hulzen were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Paula Wright, Stephanie Wilson, Bill Almond, Mackenzie Paris, Tony Rivera, Amy Bidwell, Stacy Bandy, Teresa Higgins, Mike Dursky, Mark Scholes, Hailey Brown, Marlene Etter, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Joe Lancello, Jaden Moore, Martha Comfort, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Herr called the meeting to order. Edgren moved to approve the Agenda. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND VISITORS

None.

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parlett inquired about meeting the social-emotional needs of students at the Middle School. Mr. Scholes said that they have been learning about addressing those needs and plan to receive training at Waverly-Shell Rock Schools soon.

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with a draft of a letter to send to parents about class requests for their children at the Elementary School. The Board expressed their concerns, including flexibility to attract parents, extent of teacher input, and the methods used at other schools. Mrs. Wright stated that she would keep reforming the letter to meet the concerns.

Mrs. Wright also notified the Board about the Mahaska County Conference Board meeting, and informed them about a letter sent to local realtors about selling the current Construction Trades house.

CONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CHANGES FOR 2019-2020

Mrs. Wright introduced changes to courses at the High School for next year. Steph Wilson, Curriculum Director, then highlighted the background and rationale for the changes. Edgren and Stream expressed that they liked the changes and wanted students to know the risks involved and the reward that may come.

Edgren moved to approve the changes to High School courses as proposed and presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with two resignations and two appointments.

Parlett moved to approve the resignations of Timothy Veiseth and Patricia ErkenBrack effective at the end of the 2018-19 contract year. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

Parlett moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Mackenzie Paris as Elementary School Special Education Teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year with a non-renewable contract. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

McGraw moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Alexis Groet as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach starting with the 2018-2019 season. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE CHANGES

It was agreed by consensus to delay the discussion regarding the Elementary School Leadership Structure until the February meeting.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF POLICY 601.1 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Wright recommended making changes to Policy 601.1 to align with current law.

Parlett moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy 601.1 School Calendar as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CAMERA SYSTEM

Shari Barnhart was in attendance and highlighted the progress and proposals for a security camera system and made a recommendation. Tony Rivera also came forward and expressed that the system being recommended met the needs of the District very well. Discussion ensued on its life expectancy, timeline for installation, and uses for the current system. The Board thanked Barnhart and Rivera for their work on the project.

McGraw moved to accept nine proposals for the Security Camera System Project and award the contract to Electronic Engineering in the amount of \$193,382.95. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER CARE FOR KIDS PROGRAM FOR K-2 STUDENTS

Martha Comfort took the floor and presented a proposed Care for Kids program, including purposes, statistics, curriculum, lessons, and principles taught. Board members inquired about teacher involvement, components for teacher use, costs, and the opt-in letters.

McGraw moved to offer the Care for Kids program to parents and students with an active permission format. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

After queries from Board members regarding the RISE program, flow-through expenses, and conference costs, McGraw moved to approve the amended Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AWARD WITH CENTRAL BUYING CONSORTIUM

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with a proposal to contract with a different prime food vendor for Food Service since the current supplier was inadequate. Vink emphasized the extent of the RFP and that previous experience may cause one of the bidders to be non-responsible.

McGraw moved to approve the contract with Martin Brothers as prime food supplier for Food Service through the Central Buying Consortium effective immediately. Stream seconded and all voted in favor.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION – RICK WORMELI PREVIEW

Wilson again came forward and presented about the speaker coming to the District soon – Rick Wormeli. She highlighted actions of the Effective Grading Practices Committee, including goals, reality, purposes, timeline, and vocabulary, and cited why Mr. Wormeli will assist in that implementation. The Board then asked about grading, costs, timing, and lunch. The Board thanked Wilson for the information.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, January 22, at 6PM to have a closed session about an evaluation and an exempt session about negotiations. They also agreed to move the February regular meeting from February 12 to February 4 at 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary