

OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District met in regular session at 6:00PM on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Steph Wilson, Bill Almond, Alice Bowling, Angela Petersen, Rozy Warder, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hoteck, Mike Dursky, Kathy Chamra, Mike Schrock, Tim Oswald, Jeff Krausman, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Dave Krutzfeldt, Linda Crookham-Hansen, Eric Christensen, Christian Ray, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

BUILDING REPORTS

Stream said that she would like to see the Middle School PBIS documents and videos mentioned in the report.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Stream asked about the progress of MTSS, and Drost commended Wilson on the brevity of her report.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by citing parts of the State of the State Address given by the Governor, including a request for 1.5% additional school aid. He also noted the Administrators' work on the Iowa Report Card, as well as the budget workshop he intended to attend on January 29. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After a few Board questions on bleacher repairs and maintenance and a correction noted by Vink in the minutes, Drost moved to approve the amended Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES COURSES

Mr. Reiter introduced revisions to the curriculum and structure of the High School Agricultural Sciences courses, which were as they were presented the prior month. Alice Bowling, Ag Sciences teacher, was in attendance and answered a question on the balance of production versus non-production classes.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the revised curriculum and structure for High School Agricultural Sciences courses as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION ON HOME SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Angela Petersen, Home School Assistance Program Coordinator, was in attendance to update the Board on the progress of the program. She conveyed the appreciation of the families involved, provided statistics on various parts of the program, and summarized the typical daily activities. Board members then asked questions about startup costs, methods of support, enrollment limits, students returning to the District, and comments regarding growth. The Board thanked Petersen for her report.

PRESENTATION BY TAKE ACTION CONSULTING

Rozy Warder from Take Action Consulting informed the Board on recent activities for behavioral supports in the buildings. She noted the upcoming Autism group meeting, the social-emotional intervention teams and their progression to Level II interventions, and the target and efforts to develop community participation in the schools. The Board thanked Warder for her presentation.

CONSIDER REVISED PROGRAMMING FOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE COURSES

Stephanie Wilson, Curriculum Director, came forward to introduce proposed changes to programming for High School Science courses to align with new standards. The Board inquired about Project-based Learning, loss of electives, and college preparation requirements.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the revised programming for High School Science courses as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR FINANCING RENTAL OF EARLY EDUCATION FACILITY

Drost took the floor and provided an update on the status of the District's participation in the Recreation and Early Childhood Facility project. He then opened the floor to Tim Oswald, District Financial Advisor, who conveyed the need for borrowing for the project and provided options that detailed possible proceeds and funding projections. Discussion ensued, including with legal counsel Jeff Krausman, regarding lower enrollment, negative growth scenarios, flexibility in 10-year financing, affects of a 28E agreement, debt refinancing, Board participation in the design, and the importance of the project to the entire community.

Drost moved to, subject to an agreeable 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa, permit the issuance of debt instruments to finance rental payments for an Early Childhood and Recreation Facility. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Edgren, who voted against.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY 202.4 – VACANCIES

Herr introduced the second reading for policy 202.4, noting no changes from the first reading.

Drost moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 202.4 – Vacancies as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED POLICY 207 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEGAL COUNSEL

Herr introduced the second reading for policy 207, noting no changes from the first reading.

Drost moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 207 – Board of Directors Legal Counsel as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 300 – SECOND READING

Mr. Reiter introduced the second reading for policy series 300, noting no changes from the first reading.

Edgren moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy Series 300 – Administration as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 603.6 – PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Reiter provided options for amendments to policy 603.6 and opened the floor for the Board to determine its preference. After discussion regarding the current waivers, restricting other waivers, the Healthy Kids Act, and budget savings, it was agreed by consensus to make no changes to the current policy.

CONSIDER PLAN FOR USE OF TIMBER SALE PROCEEDS

Mr. Reiter introduced the opportunity for the Board to determine the use of the proceeds from the recent sale of timber. The Board discussed supplies, books, solar panels, and other items with a long-term impact, and noted that Band uniforms could be an immediate need since the current ones are 12 years old.

Edgren moved to approve a portion of the purchase of High School Marching Band uniforms from the proceeds of the sale of timber, up to \$20,000. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT – BUDGET PARAMETERS AND HIRING PROCESSES

Mr. Reiter presented extensive preliminary budget information, including on revenue and expenditure history, tax rates, special education deficits, and solvency ratios. He also included a flowchart regarding the hiring process and noted that Administrators would be presenting on their procedures at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter and Mr. Hotek presented the Board with one appointment. Edgren said that he would like to see the vocal music staff in the District expanded.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Chris Meinert as half-time Middle School Music Teacher starting immediately and until the conclusion of the year at the BA Step 1 salary level or \$17,893 annualized. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with nine retirements and noted that they would be recognized in May.

Drost moved to accept the retirements of Joyce Eveland, Marcia Hadden, Molly McCaulley, Lyn Rogers, Tom Hogenson, Sharon Hammes, Kris Butler, Carol Knoot, and Karen White effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, and award them benefits as provided in Board Policy 407.6. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to attempt to schedule a Board Supper later in the month, and perhaps on Tuesday, January 23.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 9:20PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary