

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, July 10, 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 Mrs. Paula Wright, Stephanie Wilson, Stacy Bandy, Teresa Higgins, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Ginger Allsup, Ken Allsup, Beverly Jenkinson, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Herr called the meeting to order. Mrs. Wright noted that the Closed Session would not be necessary and to strike item VIII. Drost moved to approve the amended Agenda. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND VISITORS

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Parlett updated the Board on the progress of the Student Information Privacy Committee and noted that they would be meeting again before the August Board Meeting to review the student Acceptable Use Policy.

McGraw relayed a comment from a parent that they found the Elementary Summer School to be exceptional and they saw growth in their child this summer.

Van Hulzen and other Board members noted their pride in both the accomplishments of the softball team and their new facility this year.

Herr noted that she would be attending the IASB Fiscal Management Conference with Stream, Drost, and Mrs. Wright.

BUILDING REPORTS

Nothing in addition to the written report.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

McGraw noted the progress of Mrs. Wilson's website.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mrs. Wright took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. She began by noting the roles and responsibilities of the Board and of her position. She continued by commenting on the Fiscal Management Conference, a future worksession on Board goals and Board relations, a potential committee structure for the Board, and inquired about what the Board wanted in her monthly reports. Drost noted his desire to make Mrs. Wright successful in her job and Mrs. Wright reciprocated. The Board thanked Mrs. Wright for her report.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION – 2017-18 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Stephanie Wilson, Curriculum Director, was in attendance to present her dashboard of 2017-2018 assessment results. The dashboard included Iowa Assessment goals, FAST assessment results, Iowa Assessment results, trend analyses, and a cohort growth analysis. Board members inquired about Board goal alignment, the legitimacy of full-year growth, proficiency for all levels of students, MTSS instructional time, combating dips in performance at certain grade levels, and the format of future data reporting. The Board thanked Wilson for her presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

After making a revision to the June 12 minutes and Board member questions about some particular invoices, Van Hulzen moved to approve the revised Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor. Drost noted that he was a part owner in Exodus Excavating and was abstaining from the vote to approve the payment to that company.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF YEARLY ACADEMIC GOALS FOR 2017-2018

Mrs. Wright explained that the academic goals for 2017-2018 were originally written based on using MAP testing during the year. Since it was previously decided not to administer MAP tests, it was recommended to approve revised goals based on Iowa Assessment results.

Drost moved to accept the changes to the 2017-2018 goals as presented and accept Mrs. Wilson's district data results into the Board record. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL & SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Mrs. Wright conveyed that she had corresponded with several people about behavioral and special education services, and while she found that there were needs, she recommended hiring a Director of Student Services rather than contracting with Take Action Consulting. She provided a model job description for the position, and noted that she would not fill that position until next year if she could not find an appropriate candidate. Board members indicated their thoughts on the position, including the need to relieve administrators, provide additional specialization for IEPs, help focus the use of Associates, maintain community support groups, help with some evaluative duties, and ensure IDEA rights laws are followed.

McGraw moved to approve the search for candidates to fill a full-time Director of Student Services position as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM RFPs

Mrs. Wright introduced an opportunity for the Board to issue a Request For Proposals for a new security camera system for the District. She noted that the current system has several deficiencies, and they would like to explore the possibilities and costs of a comprehensive replacement. She said that she would be meeting with local emergency planning personnel to ensure the system would also meet their needs. Drost indicated that he wanted to wait on the RFP until after that meeting.

Drost moved to meet with local emergency planning personnel and bring camera system recommendations to the Board in August. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost exited the meeting at 7:07PM.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with the recommended changes to the Handbooks for next year. McGraw asked about the Elementary start time change to 8:10AM.

Edgren moved to approve the changes to the Elementary and Middle School Handbooks for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF IASB LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mrs. Wright queried the Board on their preferred Legislative Priorities for 2019 to submit to the Iowa Association of School Boards. Board members then provided their various preferences from the list of available priorities.

Parlett moved to approve the IASB Legislative Action Priorities for 2019 as presented and identified as Resolutions 7, 19, 26, and 27. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

Edgren voiced his concern with Resolution #28, which would change bond issue votes to a simple majority, noting that the current 60% majority ensures that those most affected by the property taxes are better represented and that a community is solidly behind the underlying project.

Edgren moved to reject the IASB Legislative Action Priority identified as Resolution #28 on Bond Issues. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICY 104 – ANTI-BULLYING/HARASSMENT

Mrs. Wright introduced the need for the Board to review and approve the anti-bullying/harassment policy annually. She said that she was not recommending any changes.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the annual review of Board Policy 104 – Anti-Bullying/Harassment as presented for the 2018-2019 school year. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with five appointments and one resignation. Edgren expressed his desire to see fewer candidates be first-year teachers.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendations of the appointments of Rachel Brown as Elementary School Classroom Teacher, Kelsie Burton as High School Math Teacher, Lindsay Wesely as Elementary School Special Education Teacher, Vanessa Minner as Elementary School Special Education Teacher, and Heather Hoven as part-time High School Spanish Teacher starting with the 2018-2019 school year, and accept the resignation of Steven Overbergen effective immediately. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, August 14, at 6PM for the regular meeting, and intend on meeting on Tuesday, August 28, at 6PM for a worksession with staff from IASB regarding Board relations and Board goals.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:38PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary