

# **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 7:00 PM on Monday, July 13, 2015, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Present were Board members Carl Drost, Tom Richardson, Shawn Moyer, Neal Hadden, Nik Rule, and Kraig Van Hulzen. Member Shelly Herr was absent.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Dale Nelson, Charlie Comfort, Stacy Bandy, Mike Dursky, Jan Palmer, Eduardo Zamarripa, R.D. Keep, Mike Goudy, Betty Ann Latchaw, and Chad Vink.

### **AGENDA**

President Drost called the meeting to order and noted that items 8, 16, and 18 would be addressed at a later meeting. Hadden moved to approve the revised Agenda. Rule seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

None.

### **CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT**

None in addition to the written report.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He started by updating the Board on the progress of the gymnasium floor project at the High School. He continued by commenting on the recently issued RFP for tablet computers for Kindergarten through Second Grade, the recent hiring of a fourth nurse, the results and response to the Governor's funding veto, and the progress of the LED light installation at the Middle School. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Minutes from June 2015 as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIALS**

Hadden moved to approve the Financials from June 2015 as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

### **APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Abstract of Claims for June and July 2015 as presented, including an additional invoice to Piper Jaffray in the amount of \$1,000.00. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PRESENTATION ON OHS LIFE SKILLS EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOG**

Betty Ann Latchaw, High School Special Education Teacher, was in attendance to promote the use of an emotional support dog in her classroom. She identified the needs of her students and how the animal could help meet those needs. She also conveyed what she thought a typical day would be like for the dog. She then fielded questions about the number of students involved, possible uses, future benefits to other buildings, and whether other districts were successful. The Board thanked Latchaw for her presentation.

### **CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY 606.3 – FIRST READING**

Mr. Reiter identified that, for the animal to be used on a regular basis, Board Policy would need to be adjusted to accommodate.

Rule moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy 606.3 – Animals In The Classroom as presented. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY 102 – SECOND READING**

Mr. Reiter presented Policy 102 for a second reading, noting again the need to add the word “age”.

Moyer moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 102 – Equal Educational Opportunity as presented. Hadden seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY SERIES 200 – FIRST READING**

Mr. Reiter requested that the Board review and approve revisions to Board Policy Series 200. He highlighted the changes that were to be made, including grammatical corrections.

Rule moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy Series 200 – Board Of Education as presented. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 OES PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need to update the Elementary School Handbook and presented Mr. Dursky’s recommended changes.

Hadden moved to approve the Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH TWIN CEDARS CSD**

Mr. Reiter introduced an opportunity for the District to share certain personnel with the Twin Cedars District to not only split the contract cost but to generate sharing funds for the District. He noted that the Twin Cedars School Board has already approved the documents.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Shared Maintenance Director and Transportation Director contracts with the Twin Cedars Community School District for 2015-2016 as presented. Rule seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH WEBSTER PARTNERS**

Mr. Reiter again took the floor, this time to present the opportunity to rent rooms at the Webster building to our three community partners for educational purposes. Board members inquired about the YMCA transition as well as the use of a 28E agreement.

Hadden moved to approve the 28E Lease of Business Property contracts with the Southern Iowa Economic Development Association, the Oskaloosa Preschool Partnership, and the Mahaska County YMCA as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF ACTIVITY**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to consider allowing Oskaloosa Christian School students to play football at Oskaloosa Middle School. In response to questions, Mr. Reiter stated that there might be three to five kids each year that play, and that homeschooled children would be handled differently – as dual-enrolled students. Drost also cited the tax contributions of the parents of the students being considered.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Application for Cooperative Sponsorship of an Activity with the Oskaloosa School of Christian Instruction as presented. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING SALE**

Mr. Reiter took the floor to request that two buses as well as some office furniture and miscellaneous equipment be declared surplus and sold to the public.

Rule moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and declare surplus property as presented and authorize the sale of same by Superintendent in the most efficient and effective means possible. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with one resignation and four appointments.

Hadden moved to accept the resignation of Danielle Francois effective immediately. Rule seconded and all voted in favor.

Moyer moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of William Pester as Middle School Special Education Teacher starting with the 2015-2016 school year at the BA Step 3 salary level, or \$36,931. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Katie Tokle as Elementary School Classroom Teacher starting with the 2015-2016 school year at the BA Step 2 salary level, or \$35,723. Rule seconded and all voted in favor.

Hadden moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Shelby Lucas as Elementary School Classroom Teacher starting with the 2015-2016 school year at the BA Step 4 salary level, or \$38,139. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Steven Overbergen as Elementary School Classroom Teacher starting with the 2015-2016 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, or \$34,165. Rule seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD GOALS**

Drost introduced the need to revisit and further develop Board goals and used the marker board to compile a slate of proposed goals. Each of the Board members offered additions to the current goals mostly in the areas of Student Achievement, Technology, and Facilities, recognizing that many other goals would simply be ongoing and subject to continual improvement. Notable possible adjustments included setting the solvency ratio goal out to the year 2020, monitoring the implementation of the reading, technology, and scheduling changes, and investigating cooperation in a new Early Childhood facility.

After some discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to create a sub-committee of Board members Herr, Hadden, and Van Hulzen as well as Administrators to develop realistic and reasonable measures for progress in the Student Achievement goal section. Drost requested that the Board continue to be considering goals for discussion at future meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Drost adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary