

# **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, June 12, 2018, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Stephanie Wilson, Bill Almond, Rozy Warder, Stacy Bandy, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Mark Scholes, Eric Christensen, R.D. Keep, Chad Farner, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Miranda Keeler, Shari Barnhart, Melissa Kauffman, Julie Knox, Hailey Brown, and Chad Vink.

### **AGENDA**

President Herr called the meeting to order. Drost recommended striking agenda items #7, #9, and #18 until a later meeting. Drost moved to approve the amended Agenda. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julie Knox, 2356 Kirby Avenue, Oskaloosa, came forward to encourage the Board to have an advocate for Special Education students, including her son who attends Oskaloosa Schools. She noted several reasons and said that Rozy Warder would be a great advocate for those students.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Van Hulzen updated the Board on the Softball Field project. He said that it was moving slowly now as they put the final additions on the concession stand, but contractors are making progress. Other members noted that visitors are impressed with the new facilities. Van Hulzen also said that the next Construction Trades house would be by the old Garfield School site, and they hope to have a basement in before school starts.

Drost conveyed that the old Community Stadium had been graded and reseeded, and the draft 28E agreement is in its third edition and progressing.

Parlett updated the Board on the developments of the Student Privacy Committee and said that they hope to bring revisions in August.

McGraw noted her participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Amazing Shake competition.

### **BUILDING REPORTS**

Parlett inquired about progress comparisons at the Middle School as well as the number of Special Education associates, and Stream asked about the large number of nurse visits at the Elementary School.

### **CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT**

McGraw questioned Wilson about the number of goals, the process of developing goals, and assessment results.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS**

After Board member questions about some particular invoices, Drost moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE CURRICULUM**

Chad Farner, Middle School Science Teacher, was in attendance to recommend an update to the Middle School Science curriculum. He noted the standards, philosophy, vendors piloted, and proposed costs. The Board queried regarding curriculum rotation, testing, transitions from the Elementary School curriculum, Professional Development spacing, and pricing. The Board thanked Farner for the information.

McGraw moved to approve the purchase and implementation of Smithsonian Science Education as the Middle School science curriculum beginning with the 2018-2019 school year at an initial cost of \$81,020 plus required consumables. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR BEHAVIORAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Herr introduced the opportunity for the Board to consider contracting for behavioral and special education services for the 2018-2019 school year.

Van Hulzen stated that he considered the previous contract to merely be a one-year option to get help for our staff, and he was concerned that it was over the stated cost.

Parlett conveyed her thoughts on the contract, including the need to set specific parameters, that there were positive steps taken, that equity, efficiency, and effectiveness need to be maintained, that additional professional development is needed for special education, that coordination with the AEA needs to improve, and that trauma-based instructional therapy is important. Other Board members mentioned working on deficit reduction as long as the kids are being served, and that the Administrative team should discuss the needs and make a recommendation.

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

Vink introduced the need for the Board to declare obsolete technology as surplus to allow the Technology Director to dispose of it effectively. Shari Barnhart, Technology Director, cited some of the technology available and some of the options for disposal, including bids.

Drost moved to declare obsolete technology surplus property and authorize the sale of same by Technology Director in the most efficient and effective means possible, including accepting bids for the sale. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF NUTRITION DIRECTOR SHARING AGREEMENT**

Vink introduced the opportunity for the Board to enter into an agreement to share the Nutrition Director position with Pella Schools. Board members voiced concern over the hours necessary to properly execute the position, but noted the budget implications and that it could be ended after a year.

Drost moved to adopt the Sharing Agreement Between Pella Community School District and Oskaloosa Community School District for a Nutrition Director as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Edgren and McGraw, who voted against the motion.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WAGES FOR OTHER SUPPORT EMPLOYEES**

Vink introduced wage increases for other support employees recommended by Mr. Reiter.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the wage increases for Other Support Employees as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 28E LEASE OF BUSINESS PROPERTY – SIEDA**

Herr and Vink introduced the renewal lease with Headstart to hold their program at Webster School, noting that there were no changes from previous agreements. Stream and Drost inquired about the structure of the programs at Webster, and Vink and Dursky noted that they would provide additional information.

Drost moved to approve the revised 28E Lease of Business Property with Southern Iowa Economic Development Association as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 28E LEASE OF BUSINESS PROPERTY – PRESCHOOL**

Herr introduced the lease to be renewed with the Oskaloosa Preschool Partnership for use of Webster School.

Drost moved to approve the revised 28E Lease of Business Property with the Oskaloosa Preschool Partnership as presented. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES – YMCA**

Herr introduced a renewal agreement for sharing costs of the secretary at the Webster building.

Parlett moved to approve the revised Agreement For Services with Mahaska County YMCA as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SHARING AGREEMENT 2018-2019**

Herr introduced a renewal agreement for sharing Middle School sports with other schools.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Cooperative Sharing Agreement 2018-2019 for middle school sports as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN IASB**

Vink introduced the opportunity to renew membership with the Iowa Association of School Boards. Members noted that, while they do not always take actions that they like, they have a good value, particularly in training.

Parlett moved to approve affiliation with the Iowa Association of School Boards and the related membership dues of \$8,092. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BREAKDOWN INSURANCE POLICY**

Vink introduced quotes for equipment maintenance and environmental controls insurance for 2018-2019 and recommended Specialty Underwriters. In response to a question from Stream, Melissa Kauffman with Jester Insurance was in attendance to note that while the policy summary notes that HVAC systems are not covered, there is an additional endorsement included for HVAC environmental controls.

Drost moved to approve the Equipment Maintenance Insurance Policy as provided by Specialty Underwriters Insurance Company effective July 2018 through June 2019 at a cost of \$199,879. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE POLICY**

Vink introduced the renewal premium for property insurance, noting the increase in the workers comp mod, but that the increase was reasonable.

Drost moved to approve the District Property and Casualty Insurance Policy as provided by Arthur J. Gallagher and the Iowa Public School Insurance Program effective July 2018 through June 2019 at a cost of \$263,794.87. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PERSONNEL**

Vink presented the Board with one resignation and four appointments. Edgren extended best wishes to Mrs. Kelly in her future work.

Drost moved to accept the resignation of Emily Kelly effective immediately. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Karry Dolash as Part-time High School Health Teacher starting with the 2018-2019 school year at the MA Step 5 salary level or \$23,119. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Melanie Hatch as Elementary School K-2 Instructional Coach starting with the 2018-2019 school year at the MA Step 9 salary level or \$52,432. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

Edgren moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Chuck Banks as High School Associate Principal starting with the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$90,000. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

McGraw moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Teresa Higgins as Elementary School K-2 Principal starting with the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$90,000. Stream seconded and all voted in favor.

**REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, July 10, at 6PM for the regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:54PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary