

# **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 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Present were Board members Tom Richardson, Shelly Herr, Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Nicholas Hansen, Sharma Parlett (via telephone), and Kraig Van Hulzen.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Kim Gile, Stacy Bandy, Mike Dursky, Clint Gingerich, Tim Veiseth, Shari Barnhart, Ken Allsup, R.D. Keep, Mike Goudy, and Chad Vink.

### **AGENDA**

President Richardson called the meeting to order. He noted the recent death of a student who was also the child of a staff member, and offered sympathies on behalf of the District. He also thanked the staff for their concern and quick action. Herr moved to approve the Agenda. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PRESENTATION ON 2016 TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

Shari Barnhart, Technology Director, and members of the High School Vertical Team were in attendance to present the options for upgrading computer technology during the upcoming summer. Barnhart presented a hardware overview, software overview, options to update 1:1 technology, additional needs of the High School, Elementary School upgrade options, and other technology considerations with each option. Board members inquired about differences in Apple units, the need for district consistency, longevity of the options, the use of labs at each building, and the potential damage costs. The Board thanked the group for their presentation.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE STUDENT TRIP**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need to authorize the trip of some Student Council members to Oregon. Drost inquired about funding the trip, and Kim Gile provided details.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the out-of-state trip for the Oskaloosa High School Student Council students and sponsors to Portland, Oregon, occurring in June 2016. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with two resignations.

Drost moved to accept the resignation of Julie Miller effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

Herr moved to accept the resignation of Mauree Haage effective at the end of the 2015-2016 contract year. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING 2016-2017 CERTIFIED BUDGET TAX LEVIES**

Mr. Reiter and Chad Vink, School Business Official, took the floor to begin discussions on the amounts being taxed as included in the initial 2016-17 Aid & Levy Worksheet. Drost noted that he felt a vote should be taken on the lines of the Worksheet since we shouldn't be taxing for certain items.

Discussion ensued on open enrollment, surveying those that enroll out, the process for developing Aid & Levy amounts, taxing for open enrolled students, test scores affecting enrollment, the high amount of property taxes, and homeschool assistance programs. It was agreed by consensus to meet again on April 5 to consider the tax items involved.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING 2016-2017 BUDGET PLANNING**

Mr. Reiter provided a set of recommendations to the Board for cost containment in the upcoming year, including a staffing summary that detailed probable savings. The Board inquired about savings with weightlifting and physical education requirements.

#### **REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 7PM.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:36PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary