

# OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REGULAR 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 7:00PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 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, Amanda McGraw, Sharma Parlett (by telephone), and Kraig Van Hulzen.

### OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Joy Prothero, Bill Almond, Ryan Parker, Tyler Riley, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Mike Dursky, Amy Blythe, Kristi McPherran, Mary Hersom, Lynette Stream, Angie Holland, Angie Grubb, Hailey Brown, Grant Hladik, and Chad Vink.

### AGENDA

Before calling the meeting to order, Drost expressed his objection to the regular meeting not being held on the night designated in Board Policy and without previous discussion and action by the Board. President Richardson conveyed that proper discussion had been held and proper public notice had been given, so he called the meeting to order. Van Hulzen moved to approve the Agenda. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynette Stream, 2539 Bill Bone Drive, Oskaloosa, came forward to express concern over the math pilot program, noting that the last math transition didn't go well. The Board thanked Stream for her comments.

### BOARD REPORTS

Edgren reported on his positive experience at the Elementary School read-a-thon.

Drost noted the exemplary participation and performance at the recent Band-o-rama.

Herr expressed her desire to gather staff input in the future regarding benefits in light of the recent changes to the collective bargaining law.

### BUILDING REPORTS

Board members inquired about an assembly at the Elementary School on March 21 and about contributing to food for an OMS event.

### **CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Parlett inquired regarding legislative funding for coding classes as well as the nature and scope of the proposed 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills class.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by reporting on the continued success of the band programs at all levels. He also commented on the upcoming Kindergarten Round-up and his recommendation for an exempt session to discuss negotiation items. The Board thanked Superintendent Reiter for his report.

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

After Board questions regarding invoices and revisions to February minutes, Van Hulzen moved to approve the revised Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented, including an additional invoice of \$983.84 from RevTrak, Inc. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PRESENTATION ON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

Several members of the Elementary School faculty came forward to report on the success of students in recent assessment data. They noted contributing factors like consistency, leadership, the Wonders program, concern for students, trust, competition, evolving tactics, and the after-school program. Herr asked about student identification for the after-school program, and McPherren noted that it was through assessments, teacher recommendations, and invitations. Mr. Reiter and the Board thanked them for their work.

### **PRESENTATION ON HIGH SCHOOL GYM RENOVATION PROJECT**

Tyler Riley, Architect from FEH Architects, was in attendance to provide observations and initial engineering and cost projections for the potential gymnasium renovation project at the High School. He noted the various options for upgrading with the costs and challenges for each option. Board members inquired about the size of air conditioning units, insulation efficiency, translucent panels, natural gas service, effects on small gym circulation, the volume of use of the gym, and current roof inadequacies. The Board thanked Riley for the information.

### **PRESENTATION ON SOFTBALL FIELD PROJECT AND ATHLETICS SCHEDULING**

Ryan Parker, Activities Director, informed the Board on the progress of the softball field project. He distributed designs from Garden & Associates and noted the features included. Edgren asked about safety issues at the current field, and how they were being addressed. Parker continued by citing the benefits of moving to a split season for Middle School athletics, including participation and practice times. The Board thanked Parker for his presentation.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOT LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICES**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to approve the prices for Food Service for the subsequent year. He conveyed the recommendations from Lynette Crawford, Food Service Director, that included a five cent increase to breakfast and a ten cent increase to lunches.

Herr moved to approve Hot Lunch and Breakfast prices as presented starting with the 2017-2018 school year. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2017-18 CERTIFIED BUDGET SBRC LEVIES**

Mr. Reiter introduced an opportunity for the Board to decide whether to levy for categorical areas where they had previously approved to request authority. Board members asked about the At-risk Program, budget guarantee, the use of General Fund reserves in lieu of the levies, the effect of valuations, and properly supporting those wishing to learn English.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the SBRC cash reserve levy for budget authority granted for Special Education programs in the amount of \$424,368.00. Herr seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

Herr moved to approve the SBRC cash reserve levy for budget authority granted for Juvenile Home programs in the amount of \$58,582.00. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

Edgren moved to approve the SBRC cash reserve levy for budget authority granted for Open Enrollment Not On The 2015 Count in the amount of \$278,467.00. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Drost and McGraw, who voted against.

Drost moved to approve the SBRC cash reserve levy for budget authority granted for English Language Learner programs after 5 years in the amount of \$13,050.00. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to approve the SBRC cash reserve levy for budget authority granted for Limited English Proficient program excess costs in the amount of \$38,407.00. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to approve the levy for budget authority granted for Dropout Prevention Programs in the amount of \$336,220.00. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

Parlett moved to approve the levy for budget authority granted for the 101% Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$25,170.00. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2017-18 BUDGET AND HEARING FOR PUBLISHING**

Mr. Reiter introduced the budget for publishing based on previous discussions of the Board. Herr inquired about possibly publishing at a higher rate considering uncertainty in the legislature, but Drost noted that the State could make adjustments to compensate.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the publishing of the 2017-2018 Proposed Oskaloosa School Budget Summary as presented with a tax rate of \$14.21582 and schedule a public hearing for same on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00PM. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY 402.2 - SECOND READING**

Mr. Reiter presented revisions to Board Policy 402.2 on Child Abuse Reporting.

Herr moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 402.2 – Child Abuse Reporting as presented. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY 501.16 – SECOND READING**

Mr. Reiter presented revisions to Board Policy 501.16 on Homeless Children. Edgren noted some concern about the watering down of the term “homeless” and if that harms others seeking help that may need it more.

Herr moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 501.16 – Homeless Children & Youth as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Edgren, who voted against.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY 503.1 - SECOND READING**

Mr. Reiter presented revisions to Board Policy 503.1 on Student Conduct.

Herr moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 503.1 – Student Conduct as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Reiter provided the Board with one resignation.

Richardson moved to accept the retirement of Denise McLellan effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract year. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

**REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed by consensus to next meet on Tuesday, March 28, at 8PM for discussion on items to be determined at a later time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:23PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary