

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, March 9, 2015, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Dr. Mary Cooksley, Stacy Bandy, Andy Hotek, Samuel Carmichael, Spencer Little, Luke Schlesselman, Jason Herr, Chad Farner, Susan Knox, Tim Veiseth, Ken Allsup, R.D. Keep, Mike Goudy, Duane Nollen, Brad Schlesselman, Missy Schlesselman, Efrain Garcia, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Drost called the meeting to order. Hadden moved to approve the Agenda. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Drost began the Board reports by commenting on his visit to the Iowa Statehouse, where he was led by an OHS student serving as page this semester. He also mentioned his enjoyment of both the Phantom of the Opera performance by Oskaloosa students and the United States Army Field Band. He lastly noted the project-based learning demonstrations and the Band-o-rama occurring soon.

Richardson echoed the comments about the Phantom of the Opera, and Van Hulzen and Herr noted that they would be escorting the students to the airport for the trip to China.

BUILDING REPORTS

Drost commented on two positives in the reports, and Van Hulzen noted the Robotics team's participation in the super-regional competition.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Nothing 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 noting that he had talked with the local Pathfinders group about the District's

timber, and that they would be having them visit soon. Mr. Reiter also reiterated the need to contact legislators to encourage them to set school funding promptly. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIALS

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

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

The abstract was approved by signature vote.

PRESENTATION BY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

The Middle School Science Teachers came forward to present the work of their PLC. They stated information regarding their SMART goal, Action Plans, development of GLBs and PBL, reflective words, typical tasks, a roller-coaster design project, a germ-swabbing analysis, and the future goals of the group. The Board thanked the teachers for the information.

PRESENTATION BY OSKALOOSA PHEASANTS FOREVER CHAPTER

Mike Goudy, Samuel Carmichael, Spencer Little, Luke Schlesselman, and Jason Herr took the floor to provide an update on the Pheasants Forever landscaping project. They detailed the purpose, location, plan, nature of seed, and future expectations regarding the development of the old pond site on the District's north property. Board members asked about the mowing, burning, beekeeping, and FFA access for the property. The Board thanked the team for their update.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOLICITATION OF TRIP TO UNITED KINGDOM

Laura Ross and Stephanie Campbell, High School instructors, were in attendance to introduce a potential trip to the United Kingdom for Oskaloosa students. She began by presenting some initial details from the company they intend to use, including price quote, highlights, and options for the trip. They requested that they be allowed to solicit the trip to students, staff, and parents.

Herr moved to permit Laura Ross and Education First Tours the use of facilities for solicitation of a trip for Oskaloosa High School and Middle School students to the United Kingdom during the 2015-2016 school year. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to approve a calendar for the subsequent school year. While recognizing that pending legislation may allow schools to start as early as August 23, he recommended approving a calendar with an August 31 start date for now. Richardson inquired about Data Days, and Dr. Cooksley noted that they were specifically set aside to analyze data and tailor curriculum accordingly. Responding to a

question from Richardson, Mr. Reiter also noted that there were a couple of “snow days” built in.

Hadden moved to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar as presented. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 STUDENT FEES

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to approve the student fees for the subsequent year, highlighting the notable changes.

Moyer moved to approve the student fees for District educational programs as presented effective for the 2015-2016 school year. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER 2015-2016 CERTIFIED BUDGET AND HEARING FOR PUBLISHING

Vink introduced the need for the Board to approve a budget for publishing, noting that they were proposing to publish it assuming a 4% Supplemental State Aid rate, as that would give the Board the maximum flexibility to set the rate lower later.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the publishing of the 2015-2016 Proposed Oskaloosa School Budget Summary as presented with a tax rate of \$15.31720 and schedule a public hearing for same on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Vink took the floor to note that a resolution to transfer property ownership is the last step for the sale of the student-constructed house that was approved the previous month.

Van Hulzen moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Property Ownership of the property located at 501 South M. Street as presented subject to proper recording procedures. Hadden seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Drost, Hadden, Herr, Moyer, Richardson, and Van Hulzen.

CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR GYMNASIUM FLOOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT

In response to the Board’s desire for management of the gym floor renovation project, Mr. Reiter recommended contracting with FEH Architects for those services. Richardson inquired about bidding and timing, and Mr. Reiter noted that both would occur immediately for completion by summer’s end.

Herr moved to accept the proposal from FEH Architects for management of the Gymnasium Floors project at a cost not to exceed \$7,200. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 905.2 – SECOND READING

Mr. Reiter introduced the need to revise the tobacco policy, and recommended no changes from the first reading.

Hadden moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 905.2 – Tobacco/Nicotine-Free Environment as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with two resignations and eight appointments.

Herr moved to accept the resignations of Katie Carper and Katherine Griffin effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

Richardson moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Stephanie Edgren, Shannon De Penning, Jane Bambrook, Jennifer Groenenboom, Polly Ehret, Marian Raum, Clint Gingerich, and Jeanne Clark as Instructional Coaches for the Teacher Leadership Grant Program starting with the 2015-2016 school year with an additional ten contract days or appropriate pro-rata portion for part-time Coaches. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

The Board agreed by consensus to meet for a work session on March 23 with the intention of discussing summer maintenance projects and Board budget recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

President Drost adjourned the meeting at 8:42PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary