OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 24, 2016

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The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District met in a work session at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Tom Richardson, Shelly Herr, Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Sharma Parlett, and Kraig Van Hulzen. Member Nicholas Hansen was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Stacy Bandy, Mike Dursky, Tim Veiseth, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Ken Allsup, Ginger Allsup, Jeff Akers, and Lisa Walston.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS FOR 2015-2016

Reiter provided a copy of the current Board Goals and multiple graphs/data involving assessment results for 2015-2016.

Additionally, Herr shared information learned at an IASB workshop she and Parlett attended in reference to interpreting assessment results. She shared several additional graphs demonstrating trends of students in the State of Iowa in comparison with District students. Several members commented on the positive improvements for 6th grade in all subjects.

Van Hulzen expressed disappointment in the low impact of Wonders Curriculum and questioned what is being done with identifying students not proficient and developing a plan. Reiter explained what is being done to get those students the additional help needed when they return in the fall while the Elementary School Administrators shared the overwhelming success of the Wonders program at the Kindergarten level.

Cooksley presented data from multiple types of assessments. Herr and Parlett plan to take the data and evaluate how the Board Goals are being met.

Administrators were asked to share their thoughts regarding the data. Hotek reported that the Middle School is trying to pin point specific efforts that showed good results. Bandy shared how MTSS is helping students and how the increased time resulting from going to an eight period day should improve results. Cooksley feels that some grade levels could meet State levels next year, others will take longer.