

# **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 Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 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, Sharma Parlett, and Kraig Van Hulzen. Member Nicholas Hansen was absent.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Ryan Parker, Beth Danowsky, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Dave Phelps, Linda Crookham-Hansen, Andrew Jensen, Tim Veiseth, Ken Allsup, Mike Goudy, Eduardo Zamarripa, and Chad Vink.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Van Hulzen and Drost complimented the students on the vocal concerts they recently attended.

### **BUILDING REPORTS**

Richardson noted the 44<sup>th</sup> straight I rating for the Oskaloosa Marching Band.

### **CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT**

Drost noted the struggling test scores and how he feels the District is making strides toward assessments matching with the curriculum. However, he inquired about whether the District could try to use the Smarter Balanced assessment a year early to begin comparisons. Mr. Reiter noted that there would be extensive costs, but would gather and provide information about the possibility. Parlett then inquired about the next step for SINA restructuring.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began by commenting on the Education Business Summit that he recently attended.

He also noted that he would be distributing the 700 policy series soon for revision, that he may soon be recommending a retirement package for the support staff, that he plans to attend an upcoming City Council worksession, and that he is continuing to work with the City on a resolution for the Community Stadium sewer issues. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIALS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS**

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Abstracts from October 2015 as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

### **PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Pam Chapman, Tim Veiseth, and Marlene Etter were in attendance to update the Board on the recent conversations and actions of the District Leadership Team. They noted discussions on the Standards-based Grading Conference, MTSS at the Secondary level, formative assessments, benchmark rubrics, SMART goal monitoring, strategies from John Hattie's recent book, and the increased use of self-assessments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

### **PRESENTATION BY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY**

The fifth-grade faculty came forward to present their recent PLC work. They detailed how they use data collection, including initial analytics, intensive 20- and 40-minute interventions, data walls, and small group focused instruction. Drost inquired about the Reading Wonders program, and the staff lauded its rigor and scoring. The Board thanked the faculty for the information.

### **PRESENTATION ON TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Tim Veiseth presented information on the Title I Supplemental Educational Services that are required to be offered due to our SINA status. He cited what it was, whom it was for, and the parent's choices in providers. The Board then queried Veiseth about progress monitoring, usage, diagnostic work, and parent notification.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LAU PLAN FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**

Cooksley introduced the Lau Plan for English Language Learners as revised by the ELL Committee. She requested approval.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Lau Plan for English Language Learners as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 210.2 – SECOND READING**

Vink said that, in order to make the change to the day of the week for regular meetings, Board Policy needed to be revised to reflect that.

Drost moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 210.2 – Regular Meeting as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 407.6 – SECOND READING**

Vink noted that the revisions he recommended for the first reading had not changed.

Drost moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 407.6 – Licensed Employee Early (Voluntary) Retirement as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF PRESCHOOL ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to appoint a member to the Preschool Advisory Board since Neal Hadden was no longer on the school board. Parlett noted her interest.

Drost moved to appoint Sharma Parlett as School Board representative for the Preschool Advisory Board. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER TERMS OF SALE FOR STUDENT-CONSTRUCTED PROPERTY**

Vink and Van Hulzen said that now would be an appropriate time to determine how future Construction Trades houses would be sold, and recommended requesting proposals from area realtors.

Herr moved to authorize the Superintendent and Board member Kraig Van Hulzen to solicit proposals from local Multiple-Listing Service real estate agencies for the most efficient and effective sale of future Construction Trades Houses. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

### **CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR MODIFIED AMOUNT – OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Vink took the floor to explain the District funding process, and how, if the District should incur a deficit of due to an increase in open enrollment out, the Board could choose to request to recoup the spending authority. Mr. Reiter noted that the Board would then be able to tax for the cash expended through such costs through the Certified Budget process. Discussion ensued about limiting outward-bound students.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount for Increased Open Enrollment Out in the amount of \$194,163. Herr seconded the motion, and all voted in favor except Drost and Edgren.

### **CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT – LEP 5 YR**

Vink submitted another application to request authority for the costs of LEP students beyond the five years currently funded.

Drost moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount for the Limited English Proficient Instruction Beyond Five Years in the amount of \$11,345. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER AWARD OF TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT CONTRACT**

Mr. Reiter introduced a quote from a company to perform refurbishment to the tennis courts. Van Hulzen recommended a deadline to ensure it is done promptly.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the proposal and award the contract for the Tennis Court Refurbishment Project to Norris Asphalt Paving Company an amount not to exceed \$92,500.00 and due for completion by August 31, 2016. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER AWARD OF TENNIS COURT FINISHING CONTRACT**

Mr. Reiter introduced a quote from a company to perform the painting on the refurbished tennis courts.

Drost moved to accept the proposal and award the contract for the Tennis Court Finishing Project to Tennis Services of Iowa in the amount of \$36,900.00 and due for completion by September 30, 2016. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with one termination.

Drost moved to terminate the employment of Dale Nelson effective October 20, 2015. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

#### **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING NEW FACILITY**

Mr. Reiter took the floor to update the Board on the status of the proposed Oskaloosa recreation and childcare facility. He noted the challenges and opportunities, and recommended discussion and consideration of adopting a Statement of Intent regarding the project. After discussion, it was agreed to consider it more fully at a meeting on November 24.

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

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, November 24, with the primary purpose of discussing the role of the District regarding the proposed recreation and childcare center.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:01PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary