

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 6:00PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Shelly Herr, Sharma Parlett, Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Amanda McGraw, and Lynette Stream. Member Kraig Van Hulzen was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Paula Wright, Stephanie Wilson, Bill Almond, Beverly Jenkinson, Bret Foster, Stacy Bandy, Teresa Higgins, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Cory Sheeley, Amy Bidwell, Amanda Reynolds, Angie Holland, Tim Veiseth, Joe Lancello, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Herr called the meeting to order. Drost appreciated the format of the agenda and then moved to approve the Agenda. Partlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND VISITORS

Mrs. Wright recognized the media, presenters, and a Student Council member.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Wright and Board members provided updates on meetings of the Safety & Security Ad-hoc Committee, Labor Relations Committee, Facility Planning Committee, and Middle School Scheduling Committee, as well as the IASB Employee Relations Conference. Mrs. Wright then highlighted parts of a Certified Enrollment document that she had distributed.

BUILDING REPORTS

Board members inquired regarding items in the Curriculum Director and building reports including TAG planning, National Apprenticeship Week, SAMI self-assessments, bringing training back to District staff, behavior standards, Elementary School Family Night attendance, and the Student Council Veterans Day program.

CONSIDER FIRST READING OF 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Wright introduced a draft of a calendar for the next school year. She noted that she has received some suggestions from staff and would be opening it for public comment prior to bringing it to the Board for final approval.

Edgren moved to approve the first reading of the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented and revised. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER OFFERING A SEAL OF BI-LITERACY

Mrs. Wright introduced an opportunity for the District to include a Seal of Bi-literacy on the diplomas of qualifying students. Wilson said that it would be inexpensive to supply and that she had more information if requested.

Drost moved to approve the offering of a Bi-literacy seal for the diplomas of qualifying students and permit one world language assessment to be offered per student over a four-year period at District cost. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER OHS COURSE CHANGES FOR 2019-2020

Stephanie Wilson, Curriculum Director, and High School faculty members were in attendance to recommend changes to the titles and curriculum of various courses. The Math Department presented changes to increase rigor, align with State standards, and provide additional assistance to struggling students. The Social Studies Department proposed changes to course names to more accurately reflect the content of those courses to help match students with their preferences and college requirements. The Art Department recommended additional courses, some of which would include increased integration with Special Education students.

Parlett moved to approve the changes to High School courses as proposed and presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP BY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Mrs. Wright provided a summary of a trip the varsity boys' basketball team wished to take to participate in an out-of-state game.

McGraw moved to approve the out-of-state trip for the varsity boys' basketball team as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with one resignation.

Drost moved to approve the resignation of Andrew Foster as Middle School Special Education teacher effective immediately. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FINANCIALS, AND ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

After queries from Board members regarding the outgoing payments, Drost moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT FOR ENROLLMENT & ELL

Mrs. Wright took the floor to explain the school funding process, and how the Board could choose to recoup the spending authority for certain items by requesting it from the SBRC. Drost expressed reservations due to the size of the open enrollment deficit but understands the need and wants the public to know about the tax affect.

Parlett moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount for Budget Authority for Open Enrollment Out in the amount of \$450,486.40, and for ELL students served beyond five years in the amount of \$8,891.52. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUS SPECIFICATIONS AND TO SOLICIT BIDS

Mrs. Wright presented specifications to be used to request bids for the replacement of school buses. Drost noted that the Facilities Planning Committee wished to get the replacement cycle down to 15 years from the current 17 years.

Drost moved to approve the bid specifications and to solicit bids for the purchase of 77-passenger school buses. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDED 28E LEASE OF BUSINESS PROPERTY

Mrs. Wright introduced a draft version of an amended 28E agreement with the Mahaska County YMCA since the current version was unclear about the purpose of the payments to the District.

Edgren moved to approve the amended 2018-2019 28E Lease of Business Property with Mahaska County YMCA as presented. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER BOARD POLICY 407.6 – VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT

Mrs. Wright conveyed that the Board is required to annually review whether it intends to offer an early retirement package at the end of the school year, and she recommended that no package be offered. After discussion, it was agreed by consensus to not offer a package.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION – DATA DASHBOARD TRIMESTER ONE

Wilson again came forward to highlight parts of the previously distributed data dashboard, which included information on enrollment, FAST assessments, ACT scores, college courses, and parental survey results. Drost indicated that he would like to see the community surveyed as well. Wilson also indicated that she would include class size information on her next dashboard.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 6PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:59PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary