

# **OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

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The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District met in regular session at 7:00PM on Tuesday, November 24, 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, Nicholas Hansen, Sharma Parlett, and Kraig Van Hulzen.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Amanda Hoffman, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Beth Danowsky, Ken Allsup, Tim Veiseth, Linda Crookham-Hansen, and Chad Vink.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRIP BY STUDENT GROUP**

Mr. Reiter and Amanda Hoffman requested that the Board approve the out-of-state trip for students to China. They provided details of the itinerary, including the dates of March 9-18, 2016, and noted they hoped to continue to build the relationship with our sister school over there.

Drost moved to approve the out-of-state trip for the Oskaloosa High School and Middle School students to China occurring in March 2016. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY**

Mr. Reiter introduced the need for the Board to renew the Instructional Support Program if it desired to do so. He summarized the information that he had received regarding renewal of the program, and Vink presented a potential draft resolution that would begin the process of renewal. He noted that the resolution would set a public hearing to be held January 12 and it would give the Board the flexibility to use an income surtax to fund the program if it so chose. Reiter then provided various other budget information to give the Board time to analyze the need for the Instructional Support Levy. Some Board members noted support for the program and support for using an income surtax to help fund it.

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

Mr. Reiter updated the Board on the legal restrictions to providing funds for the proposed recreation and childcare facility, as well as provided documentation regarding the value that certain parts of the facility could have to the District. He also noted the intents of the City and County regarding the project.

Drost indicated support for the project, noting how it will better prepare children for school. The Board also discussed ownership, the costs of operating the facility, the deadlines for acting on a possible Statement of Intent, the viability of the District swimming program, fundraising, and other future maintenance costs to the District.

Richardson inquired about an amount that would be appropriate to identify in a Statement of Intent, and Mr. Reiter recommended \$7,500,000. After some discussion, Richardson presented the Statement of Intent to the Board for their consideration.

Herr moved to adopt the Statement of Intent Regarding Recreation and Childcare Facility as presented with a support amount of \$7,500,000. Drost seconded and all voted in favor except Edgren.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM.

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Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary