

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 7:00PM on Tuesday, November 8, 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.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Joy Prothero, Bill Almond, Ryan Parker, Corey Trainer, Beverly Jenkinson, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Carolyn Pederson, Jay Harms, Tim Veiseth, Ken Allsup, Ginger Allsup, Lacordia Williams, Shannika Bryant, Angie Holland, Lynette Stream, Brenda Schutz, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

President Richardson called the meeting to order. Herr moved to approve the Agenda. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Drost conveyed that he attended the Middle School for its 30th Anniversary celebration, and complimented the Student Council for its work.

Van Hulzen complimented the students and staff involved in the recent vocal concert he attended.

Parlett commented on the Childcare/Recreation building meeting that she attended, noting the need for flexibility throughout the planning.

Richardson reported on the recording of the national anthem by the High School Choir that was sent to the Urbandale and Des Moines Police Departments after the recent shootings.

BUILDING REPORTS

Board members inquired about Aimsweb and FAST testing differences as well as student comments regarding the Advanced Geometry class.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORTS

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 began by reminding the public of the vote on December 6 on whether to bond for Indian Hills Community College campus improvements. He continued by noting the probable special election for the Board vacancy, that State Education Director Wise will be visiting soon, that a Veterans program will be held at the High School on November 11, and that he recently attended a meeting on the new Every Student Succeeds Act. The Board thanked Superintendent Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After Board questions regarding the Benchmark Assessment Program, Van Hulzen moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION ON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Mr. Reiter open the floor for discussion on the academic progress information that was included in the Elementary School report. The Board commented and inquired regarding assessment frequency, intervention frequency, and depth of interventions.

PRESENTATION ON ELEMENTARY PBIS DATA FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Corey Trainer and Carolyn Pederson were in attendance to provide a summary of the PBIS results for the current year for the Elementary School. Board members complimented the staff for the changes and results, and asked about evaluating program success, incoming students, and the use of the AEA to improve the program. The Board thanked Trainer and Pederson for the information.

CONSIDER RECEIVING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Mr. Reiter presented the Board with information regarding purchasing buses to replace those being put out of service very soon. After answering questions from the Board regarding camera transfers, chassis and body make, and possible rotation schedule, Mr. Reiter recommended purchasing two used buses.

Drost moved to receive bids for bus purchase and award the sale to Hoglund Bus Co., Inc. for one 2014 77-passenger diesel school bus and one 2016 84-passenger diesel school bus at a cost with trade-in allowances of \$177,500.00. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR MODIFIED AMOUNT – OPEN ENROLLMENT/LEP

Mr. Reiter 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 or Limited English Proficient program students served for more than five years, the Board could choose to request to recoup the spending authority. Discussion ensued about deterring outward-bound students, including home-schooled students, and not necessarily taxing for the authority.

Van Hulzen moved to approve the requests to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount for Open Enrollment Out in the amount of \$291,359.20

and for LEP students served beyond five years in the amount of \$13,050.18. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Drost, who voted against.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY EXHIBIT 407.6E1

Mr. Reiter noted that, as provided in Board Policy, the Board must annually decide regarding a retirement incentive, and he recommended that they not offer a retirement plan for 2016-2017.

Van Hulzen moved to not offer a retirement package for the 2016-2017 school year as provided in Board Policy 407.6. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Reiter presented two additional members for consideration to serve on the District Advisory Council.

Herr moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for additional members of the District Advisory Council as presented. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO INITIATE DESIGN FOR POTENTIAL SOFTBALL FIELD

Ryan Parker, Activities Director, and Jay Harms, former softball coach, came forward and presented issues with the current softball field and recommended a new field and structures at a higher elevation. Drost recommended using local professionals to ensure the best results at a lower cost. Richardson inquired about moving football practices, and Parker conveyed their intentions for changes. Drost noted property to the north that could become a practice field. Van Hulzen asked for approval to continue the process.

Van Hulzen moved to authorize Administration to proceed in pursuing civil engineering services with Garden & Associates and pursue architect services to develop cost estimates for a new softball field. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO VACANT SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR POSITION

Due to a successful petition for a special election being filed, the Board did not consider the appointment of a Director at this time.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed by consensus to next meet on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 7PM to discuss Kickup Survey results and the related Administration plans to address concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:26PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary