

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 6:00PM on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 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, Lynette Stream, and Kraig Van Hulzen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Steph Wilson, Bill Almond, Rozy Warder, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Ginger Allsup, Mike Dursky, Stacie Weber, Carolyn Pederson, Angie Holland, Miranda Keeler, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

BUILDING REPORTS

McGraw inquired about the use of the screener results at the Middle School, and Drost asked about officer referrals, which was revealed should have been called office referrals.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

None other than the written report.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He began encouraging Board members to attend the IASB Convention in November and to contact him about registration. He continued by noting certified enrollment numbers, building security updates, and information about a meeting with Tim Oswald, District Financial Advisor. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After a few Board questions, Drost moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION BY TAKE ACTION CONSULTING

Rozy Warder from Take Action Consulting informed the Board on recent activities for behavioral supports in the buildings. She began by introducing Stacie Weber, who relayed information about a parent panel for a comprehensive autism program. Warder also cited work on a three-year-old development program and a parent partnership to maintain the principals of a Free and Appropriate Education. The Board thanked Warder for her report.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REVISED BOARD POLICY 210.2, FIRST READING

Mr. Reiter introduced a revised Board policy to set the usual meeting times to 6:00PM. Drost noted that he would like the language for the second meeting of the month to remain so that he can put it on his calendar.

Parlett moved to approve, for the first reading, Board Policy 210.2 – Regular Meeting as revised, changing the start time to 6PM for each meeting. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF HVAC UNIT FOR DAILY AUDITORIUM

Mr. Reiter presented the bids to replace the Heating, Cooling, and Ventilation unit serving the Auditorium space.

Van Hulzen moved to accept three bids for the Daily Auditorium Rooftop Heating and Cooling Unit and purchase from Rawson Mechanical at a cost of \$115,350.00. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR GRANDSTAND

Mr. Reiter said that he would be presenting the bids at a subsequent meeting.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR TIMBER

Mr. Reiter presented the information from Geode Forestry, Inc. regarding timber bidders and recommended R.J. Lumber. Drost said that it was a reputable vendor and that the Board needs to ensure that the proceeds are used well.

Van Hulzen moved to accept six bids for the Harvest of District Timber and award the contract to RJ Lumber, L.L.C. at a value of \$221,800.00. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF USED SCHOOL BUSES

Mr. Reiter indicated that he is not recommending purchasing used buses since they are of poor value, but will recommend a new bus purchase at a future meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Reiter introduced the proposed names to be members of the District Advisory Council. It was agreed to have Board member Stream replace Herr as Board representative.

Drost moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for members of the District Advisory Council as presented, with Lynette Stream serving as Board representative. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR MODIFIED SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT FOR LEP

Mr. Reiter introduced the opportunity for the Board to request additional budget authority for costs incurred by the Limited English Proficient program that are in excess of funding.

Parlett moved to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount for the excess costs of the Limited English Proficient program for 2016-2017 in the amount of \$27,738.90. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor except Drost and Edgren, who voted against.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Reiter confirmed to the Board that other attorneys at the Ahlers & Cooney firm were available to handle legal matters, including negotiations. Drost inquired about approving the firm itself to represent the District, and Mr. Reiter stated that he would recommend that.

Drost moved to appoint Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. as official legal counsel for the Oskaloosa Community School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF IASB ASSEMBLY DELEGATE

Mr. Reiter opened the floor for a volunteer to serve as delegate to the IASB Delegate Assembly in November. Parlett affirmed that she would serve.

Parlett moved to appoint Sharma Parlett as Board delegate to the IASB Delegate Assembly in November 2017. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

After fielding questions on behavior plan gaps and staffing, Mr. Reiter recommended one appointment.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Cassandra Long as Middle School Special Education teacher starting immediately at the BA Step 1 salary level or \$35,785 annualized. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 6PM to discuss and act on Board goals, bus specifications, salary goals, bleacher bids, and solar energy.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:10PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary