

OSKALOOSA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

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The Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District met in regular session at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Carl Drost, Tom Richardson, Neal Hadden, Shelly Herr, Shawn Moyer, and Kraig Van Hulzen. Member Nik Rule was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Mary Cooksley, Beth Hodges, Molly McCaulley, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hotek, Mike Dursky, Jeff Lorentzen, Patricia ErkenBrack, Sharma Parlett, Tim Veiseth, R.D. Keep, Mike Goudy, Kelly Luck, Barbara Puffinbarger, Denise Morris, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Drost, on behalf of the Board, extended his sympathies to the Mike Sash family in the passing of their son Tyler, who was only 27 years old.

Drost also noted the poor math scores being reported on a Des Moines radio show, but was unsure and curious about the source of the scores that were reported.

BUILDING REPORTS

Drost commented on both the need of support staff at the Elementary School and the benefits already realized at the High School with the emotional support dog. Herr said that the ACT report provided was very useful and appreciated.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR REPORT

Drost identified the need for a new Board representative for the District Advisory Council, and it was agreed by consensus that Herr would serve in that role.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to inform the Board on events and activities in the District. He started by informing the Board of the details of the Homecoming Parade, and encouraged

their participation. He also commented on the upcoming IASB board member training, that Tim Oswald could be in attendance for the potential Board meeting on September 28, and that he is continuing to investigate a solar energy project using Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. The Board thanked Mr. Reiter for his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Herr moved to approve the Minutes from August 2015 as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIALS

Van Hulzen moved to approve the Financials from August 2015 as presented. Hadden seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Hadden moved to approve the Abstracts from September 2015 as presented, including an additional invoice to EF Educational Tours in the amount of \$1,030.90. Richardson seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Beth Hodges, Denise Morris, and Barb Puffinbarger were in attendance to update the Board on the work of the District Leadership Team. They relayed discussions regarding their mission, their SMART goal, and the need for integration of teachers from the ENCORE subject areas. The Board thanked the faculty members for their update.

PRESENTATION ON SUMMER JUMP START PROGRAM

Molly McCaulley, Brett Doud, and Patricia ErkenBrack took the floor to present information on the results of the summer Jump Start program at the Middle School. They conveyed the changes from previous years, the planning and contacts involved, the subject areas and time allocation, the technology exposure, and the results and student testimonials. Richardson and Van Hulzen asked about the timing, the follow-up, and the nature of the population served. The Board thanked the teachers for the information.

PRESENTATION ON SUMMER ELEMENTARY READING PROGRAM

Jolene Liebl, Mike Dursky, and Tim Veiseth came forward to convey the nature and results of the Summer Elementary Reading Program. They identified the timing and requirements of the program, noting that they are still waiting for guidance from the State on their future expectations. Drost and Herr inquired about measuring improvement and the effect on other districts. The Board thanked the Elementary Principals for their report.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOLICITATION OF TRIP TO BOSTON

Jeff Lorentzen, High School Instructor, took the floor to introduce the potential of a trip to Boston for high school students. He began by presenting some initial details from Brightspark, a company that specializes in short student trips, including price quote, highlights, and options for the trip.

Richardson moved to permit Jeff Lorentzen and Brightspark Travel the use of facilities for solicitation of a trip for Oskaloosa High School students to Boston, Massachusetts, during the 2015-2016 school year. Hadden seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF AYP DECISIONS AND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

Dr. Cooksley reviewed the APR information that was given to the Board and noted what parts are relayed to the State. She continued by identifying action plans for improvement and restructuring. Richardson and Van Hulzen asked about notifying the parents and the public as well as the status of the State waiver of NCLB standards.

Richardson moved to accept the Adequate Yearly Progress Decisions and approve the Annual Progress Report as presented. Herr seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 3 OF GREAT PRAIRIE AEA DIRECTORS

Mr. Reiter informed the Board that only one candidate, Joy Prothero, submitted her name to serve on the Board of Directors for Great Prairie AEA. Mr. Reiter noted that, while she was the only candidate, he still wholeheartedly endorsed her work and passion for helping educate students.

Hadden moved to cast the weighted vote for Great Prairie Area Education Agency District Director Number 3 for Dr. Joy Prothero and submit the ballot stating same. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

The Board agreed by consensus to meet on September 28 for the Annual Meeting, Organizational Meeting, and to discuss a possible partnership for a new YMCA/Childcare Building in Oskaloosa. The Board also noted that the October regular meeting might be moved due to Mr. Reiter's trip to China.

ADJOURNMENT

Drost adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary