

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 work session at 7:15PM on Tuesday, September 27, 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, Nicholas Hansen, Sharma Parlett, and Kraig Van Hulzen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mr. Russell Reiter, Dr. Joy Prothero, Bill Almond, Beth Danowsky, Linda Crookham-Hansen, Stacy Bandy, Jolene Liebl, Andy Hoteck, Ginger Allsup, Mike Dursky, Tim Veiseth, Ken Allsup, and Chad Vink.

PRESENTATION REGARDING SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT

Mr. Reiter took the floor to explain how Special Education funding works in Iowa and how the District is compelled to run a deficit at times to ensure that it is legally maintaining effort. He stressed how recouping authority is important, primarily because it could ultimately cause a detriment to regular education students.

Parlett inquired if protocols were still in place to limit the proliferation of costs, particularly regarding associates, and the Administration ensured that there were.

PRESENTATION REGARDING PROPOSED RECREATION AND CHILDCARE FACILITY

Mr. Reiter took the floor to provide a summary of recent discussions regarding the proposed recreation and childcare facility. He noted that the City was about ready to review a Community Survey, and that it would affect the cost and scope of the project that they would be proposing.

Linda Crookham-Hansen with Mahaska One said that their intent was to collect the survey, utilize YMCA architect resources, refine available funding, and then develop revised plans.

Drost stated that he would need to see the revised plans before being able to confidently commit resources to the project. Reiter echoed that by saying that there will be limits to what extent the District is allowed to rent based on the scope of the amended plans.

PRESENTATION REGARDING CURRENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Mr. Reiter provided the most recent data he had on the current enrollment for the District, noting that it looked like it would increase slightly. Discussion ensued regarding open enrollment in and out, and it was agreed by consensus that it could be discussed at a future worksession.

DEVELOPMENT AND REVISION OF BOARD GOALS

Richardson opened the floor for discussion regarding Board goals, including a review of previous comments on goals from July.

The Board discussed various aspects of goals, including short-term achievement and climate goals, considerations for changing assessments, areas of widening achievement gaps, consistency in light of changing assessments, and comparability. Additional discussion was held regarding developing a survey to measure and monitor the climate and culture of the District.

Drost recommended a therapy or emotional support dog for the Elementary and Middle Schools. The Administration noted that it has been considering it.

Richardson concluded by mentioning his intention to have an achievement item on each regular meeting agenda and by encouraging a volunteer for the IASB Delegate Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

President Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:03PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary