

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, January 14, 2020, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3rd Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Board members Shelly Herr, Sharma Parlett, Charlie Comfort, Carl Drost, Amanda McGraw, Shawn Moyer, and Lynette Stream.

OTHERS PRESENT

Also present were Superintendent Mrs. Paula Wright, Bill Almond, Angie Hanson, Beverly Jenkinson, Karen Eversmeyer, Melanie Hatch, Stacy Bandy, Sarah McGlothlen, Mark Scholes, Mike Dursky, Steve Dixon, Jason Bunnell, High School Robotics Team students, Angie Holland, Jaden Moore, Kista Grosshans, Molly Sterner, Tracy DeWitt, Jennifer Keogh, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with Administrator reports for their consideration. Drost requested that a shorter version of the PLC training video used at the Elementary School be viewed by the Board at a future meeting to help explain a PLC's purpose.

Drost then took the floor to update the Board on the progress of the Early Childhood & Recreation Center. He noted the changes that the project had already seen and the extent and depth of the meetings held with the architect. He then provided an updated timeline for the project and asked the Board to consider providing an additional \$100,000 to help fund the construction necessary to make one room in the preschool wing a tornado shelter room. The Board thanked Drost for the update.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 CALENDARS

Herr opened the floor for any citizen wishing to address the Board regarding the proposed 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school calendars. After asking for comments from the floor three times and hearing no one, Herr closed the hearing.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION – ROBOTICS

Jason Bunnell, High School Robotics Team Sponsor, came forward and introduced the High School Robotics team and provided initial details on the team and its purpose. Various

students then took the floor and explained the tasks and competitions for which they were preparing, including regarding their ranking, schedule, use of alliances, and the game concept. They concluded by providing a demonstration of the tasks required of the robot. The Board thanked the team for their presentation.

CONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CHANGES FOR 2020-2021

Angie Hanson, Curriculum Director, was in attendance to propose changes to courses in the Physical Education and English Language Arts departments at Oskaloosa High School. Kista Grosshans also took the floor and highlighted the background and rationale for the changes to the Physical Education courses, including how the Health class was going to be integrated. Molly Sterner and Tracy DeWitt then came forward and explained how the nature and sequence of 11th and 12th grade English Language Arts classes needed to be adjusted to ensure the proper rigor for graduating students. Drost inquired about 11th graders having ELA requirements, and the faculty assured him the requirements weren't going to change, but the use of electives to meet those requirements would change slightly. The Board thanked the staff for the information.

Drost moved to approve the changes to High School English Language Arts and Physical Education courses as proposed and presented. Comfort seconded and all voted in favor.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with eight retirements and one resignation.

Comfort moved to accept the retirements of Kimberly Anderson-Lowry, Lona Brager, Deborah De Jong, Chad Farner, K. Renee Gatton, Michael Goudy, Wyleen Johnston, and William Tolles effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, and award them benefits as provided in Board Policy 407.6. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

Parlett moved to approve the resignation of Elizabeth Latchaw effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER REVISED BOARD POLICY 603.6 – FIRST READING

Mrs. Wright presented Policy 603.6 regarding physical education including the exemption verbiage previously requested by the Board. Discussion ensued on the language used and the list of activities qualifying for the exemption.

Drost moved to approve, for the first reading, revised Board Policy 603.6 – Physical Education as presented. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor except Stream, who voted against.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 CALENDARS - FINAL READING

Mrs. Wright introduced the calendars for the next two years for approval, noting no changes from the first reading.

Comfort moved to approve, for the second and final reading, the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Calendars as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER BOARD POLICY 105 – ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with Policy 105 for a final reading, noting changes provided after attorney review at the Board's request.

Parlett moved to approve, for the second and final reading, revised Board Policy 105 – Service And Assistance Animals as presented and amended. Stream seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PLAN & SUPPLEMENTAL AMOUNT REQUEST FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION

Mrs. Wright presented a budget and plan for the At-Risk and Dropout Prevention programs for the 2020-21 school year. She detailed the changes from the previous year, and said that it was an opportunity for additional assistance to benefit that population. She also commented that the supplemental amount requested is the same as the amount from the previous year. Drost noted that this would add to the District's budget authority and the affect on property taxes would be determined through the budget cycle in March and April.

Drost moved to approve the At-Risk/Dropout Prevention plan and budget in the amount of \$862,171 and request the School Budget Review Committee for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for Dropout Prevention in the amount of \$546,943. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After inquiries regarding the abstract and including the standing committee appointment list in the minute book, Drost moved to approve the amended Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims as presented. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, January 28, at 5:00PM for a worksession regarding construction projects, the Early Childhood & Recreation Center, and potentially borrowing to fund District needs in those areas. The next regular meeting is expected to be on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:16PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary