

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, March 10, 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, Michael Schrock, Kim Gile, Melanie Hatch, Stacy Bandy, Sarah McGlothlen, Mark Scholes, Mike Dursky, Camden Silvers, Christian Dewitt, Marlene Etter, Joe Lancello, Jaden Moore, David Krutzfeldt, Linda Crookham-Hanson, Abigail Lindgren, Matt Larson, and Chad Vink.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christian Dewitt, Camden Silvers, and Video Production instructor Kim Gile, all of Oskaloosa, came forward to announce their participation in an out-of-state awards ceremony due to the success of their work in video production. Mrs. Wright noted that the permission to travel out-of-state would be requested later in the month.

Matt Larson, Oskaloosa, took the floor to introduce himself as the new Chief Executive Officer for the Mahaska County YMCA. He conveyed the historical relationship between the District and the YMCA, and how he thinks it will continue and grow with the addition of the new Early Childhood Education and Recreation Center. He expressed how the YMCA is ready to serve its mission in both the schools and community.

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with Administrator reports for their consideration. Drost commented on programs with which he is seeing improvement, as well as his appreciation for five-year planning.

Board members also commented on the transfer to a Student Success position, tracking of intervention effectiveness, fidelity checklists, the Student Council Leadership Conference, and online learning.

FOCUS ON EDUCATION – PLCS

Angie Hanson, Curriculum Director, was in attendance to inform the Board on the activity of Professional Learning Communities. She noted the four big ideas behind PLCs, the four

questions that drive PLCs, facts about PLCs, facilitator information, their focus for 2020, and their intentions for 2021. The Board thanked Mrs. Hanson for her presentation.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with two appointments, two resignations, and one transfer.

Parlett moved to accept the resignations of Jacie White and Dustin Harbour effective at the end of the 2019-2020 contract year. Drost seconded and all voted in favor except Comfort and McGraw, who voted against.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Maria Loewen as Middle School Science Teacher starting with the 2020-2021 school year at the MA Step 4 salary level, currently \$45,688.00. Comfort seconded and all voted in favor.

Parlett moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Jeffery Ferstein as High School Science Teacher starting with the 2020-2021 school year at the BA Step 2 salary level, currently \$38,756.00. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

McGraw moved to accept the transfer request of Jodi Steinlage effective at the beginning of the 2020-2021 contract year. Drost seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MAT HOIST

Mrs. Wright stated that, for safety reasons, the mat hoist at the Middle School was in need of replacement, and only one vendor was able to provide a quote.

McGraw moved to accept one quote to replace the wrestling mat hoist at Oskaloosa Middle School and award the sale to NGE, Inc. in the amount of \$16,189.00. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, ABSTRACT, AND FINANCIALS

After a comment regarding fees for speakers at District events, Drost moved to approve the Minutes, Financials, and Abstract of Claims, including additional listed invoices, as presented. Comfort seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER FINAL PROJECT PRICE FOR 28E AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF OSKALOOSA

Mrs. Wright informed the Board that they had the opportunity to terminate the 28E agreement with the City of Oskaloosa if the Final Project Price for the Early Childhood Education and Recreation Center exceeded \$20 million. She stated that bids received earlier in the day ensured that it would exceed that amount, and she then opened the floor for their consideration.

Drost expressed that he had been involved with the project for many years and that he believes it would result in a better student graduating from the District, so he not only supported continuing the 28E agreement, but also adding \$100,000 to help offset the cost of some classrooms being reinforced for emergencies.

McGraw questioned whether a vote was necessary, but the consensus was that there should be one last vote to confirm the commitment subsequent to knowing the Final Project Price, which is a higher budget amount than previously known.

Drost moved to adopt the Resolution that the Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Community School District will accept the Final Project Price for the Early Childhood Education and Recreation Center project with a maximum contribution from the Oskaloosa Community School District set at \$7,600,000, including funds expended to date, as established in the original 28E Agreement and previous resolution by the Board of Directors. Comfort seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Comfort, Drost, Herr, McGraw, Moyer, and Parlett. Stream voted against the motion.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Mrs. Wright indicated that, with the commitment to continue with the Early Childhood Education and Recreation Center, the District should deed property needed for the construction over to the City of Oskaloosa. She indicated the location of the property to the Board.

Drost moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Property Ownership as presented. Parlett seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Comfort, Drost, Herr, McGraw, Moyer, Parlett, and Stream.

CONSIDER WAIVER OF SPECIFICATION IN SCHOOL BUS BID

Mrs. Wright informed the Board that the bid accepted and awarded last month for a school bus actually only had 82 seats rather than the 84 seats specified. She recommended waiving the specification and accepting the variance. Discussion then ensued about seat belt use policies, particularly since all buses will not yet have them installed.

Comfort moved to waive the specification and permit the seating variance for the bus bid from Hoglund Bus Company Inc. for an 84-passenger school bus and authorize the purchase of an 82-passenger bus in the amount of \$130,000.00. Moyer seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020-21 CERTIFIED BUDGET SBRC LEVIES

Mrs. Wright requested that the Board approve to levy for the authority granted from the School Budget Review Committee over the last year. The Board thanked her and the staff for their work in reducing the deficit.

Drost moved to approve the SBRC cash reserve levy for the five components of budget authority previously granted in the amount of \$927,629.00. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2020-21 CERTIFIED BUDGET & HEARING FOR PUBLISHING

Mrs. Wright recommended approval of the Certified Budget discussed during the Board worksession.

Drost moved to approve the publishing of the 2020-2021 Proposed Oskaloosa School Budget Summary as presented with a tax rate of \$14.21536 and schedule a public hearing for same on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6:00PM. Parlett seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO LEVY FOR BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Mrs. Wright asked the Board to adopt the resolution for the budget guarantee to ensure additional funds are available despite a loss of enrollment.

Comfort moved to adopt the Resolution to Levy for Regular Program Budget Adjustment as presented. Moyer seconded the motion. Those that voted in favor when the roll was called were Comfort, Drost, Herr, McGraw, Moyer, Parlett, and Stream.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mrs. Wright presented the Board with the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimated Costs for the Window Replacement Project at Oskaloosa Middle School, noting that the Facilities Planning Committee had reviewed them.

Drost moved to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the Middle School Window Replacement Project and solicit bids for the same due at 2:00PM on Thursday, April 2, 2020. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MOWING EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Wright recommended accepting the low bid and purchasing two mowers to replace two others at the end of their useful life.

Moyer moved to receive two bids for replacement mowing equipment and award the sale to Van Wall Equipment for two QuikTrak mowers in the amount of \$17,700.00. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

REVIEW SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATE

It was agreed to next meet on Tuesday, March 24, at 5:00PM for personnel items and other pertinent matters. The next regular meeting is expected to be on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 7:21PM.

Chad M. Vink, Board Secretary