

# **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 27, 2018, in the Administration Board Room, 1800 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Present were Board members Shelly Herr, Sharma Parlett (via phone), Carl Drost, Erik Edgren, Amanda McGraw, Lynette Stream, and Kraig Van Hulzen.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Also present were Superintendent Russell Reiter, Stephanie Wilson, Tim Veiseth, Stacy Bandy, Mike Dursky, Andy Hotek, Marlene Etter, Heidi Stefanc, Ginger Allsup, and Chad Vink.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **PRESENTATION ON FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM & POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Mr. Reiter took the floor and commented on the finances of the school nutrition program, which is still running a deficit but is recovering.

Mr. Reiter then introduced Julie Miller, Nutrition Director at Knoxville Community School District, who gave recommendations for improvements, particularly to increase revenue in each building for each meal including through portion adjustments, seasonings, and price increases.

Drost noted from an online article that regulations have caused extensive food waste nationwide and that, in his experience, the current food is frequently bland and unappealing. He said that he hoped for improvement in both areas. He also mentioned that kids at a neighboring district were seeing changes and he wanted to see that here as well.

Herr inquired about how a sharing agreement would work, and Miller and Reiter indicated that it would be evenly split with contract days in each district. McGraw indicated concern about criticism of the current director and whether she was adequately supported.

### **CONSIDER ADOPTION OF NUTRITION DIRECTOR SHARING AGREEMENT**

Drost indicated that he wasn't prepared to act on the sharing agreement. Stream noted the recent publicity of lunch shaming and discussion ensued regarding current steps within the District. She also identified prices at other districts.

After further discussion on some possible solutions, it was agreed by consensus to investigate other options for food service management before making a decision.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HOT LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICES**

Mr. Reiter said that approval of lunch and breakfast prices could be delayed until the Federal price tool is issued. Van Hulzen noted concern about revenues and that an increase as recommended may be necessary. Drost recommended waiting until the tool was issued, and Board members agreed.

### **PRESENTATION ON 2018-2019 PERSONNEL AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Mr. Reiter conveyed information on both personnel adjustments and budget implications for 2018-2019, including on staff turnover, line-item budgeting, class sizes, Middle School dyad reductions, and staff transfers. Board members asked questions and thanked Mr. Reiter for the work.

### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Vink presented the Board with four resignations and four appointments.

Drost moved to accept the resignations of Alana Hutchinson, Jayme Braida, Clint Gingerich, and Casolyn Chapman effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Tracy DeWitt as High School Language Arts Teacher starting with the 2018-2019 school year at the BA Step 7 salary level, currently \$43,111.00. Van Hulzen seconded and all voted in favor.

Drost moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Kendra Roquet as Elementary School Instructional Coach starting with the 2018-2019 school year at the MA Step 15 salary level, currently \$60,975.00, and with accompanying stipend. McGraw seconded and all voted in favor.

McGraw moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Samantha Robinson as Elementary School Classroom Teacher starting with the 2018-2019 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$35,785.00. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

Van Hulzen moved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of the appointment of Jessica Bjornson as Elementary School Classroom Teacher starting with the 2018-2019 school year at the BA Step 1 salary level, currently \$35,785.00. Edgren seconded and all voted in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Herr adjourned the meeting at 8:23PM.