

Red Oak Community School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Location: Sue Wagaman Board Room, Red Oak CSD Administrative Center
 Red Oak Technology Center-Red Oak High School Campus
 Monday, October 14, 2013

This regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Red Oak Community School District was called to order by President Lee Fellers at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Directors: Lee Fellers, Paul Griffen, Kathy Walker, Warren Hayes, Bill Drey
 Terry Schmidt, Superintendent & Shirley Maxwell, Board Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Drey with a second by Director Griffen to approve the agenda as presented with the order of agenda items at the discretion of the chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS & PRESENTATIONS

The Directors welcomed Student Support Coordinator Theo Fundermann to provide an update for daily attendance of students. It was learned the district is now averaging a daily attendance rate of 95% - up slightly from last year's same time number of 94%.

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to the Red Oak Rotary Club and the Red Oak Board of Directors for the completion and dedication of the Cage Project which was held on Saturday, October 12th.

Red Oak High School students, Dakota Petty and Jake Berkey were spotlighted by Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds for their enrollment and work at Red Oak Manufacturing. Thanks are extended to Plant Manager Kenny Porter for his willingness to work with the students in this effort.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Hayes to approve the consent agenda with the deletion.

- Approval of the minutes from September 23 & 25, 2013
- Approval of the monthly business reports as presented
- Approval of resignation letter from Mark Erickson, middle level basketball and track coach
- Approval of a contract with Kabel Business Services for the district's flexible benefit plan
- Approval of an education services contract with Council Bluffs Community School District
- Open enrollment requests as presented
- Final approval and adoption of board policies: Code No. 605.1, Code No. 605.2 , Code No. 605.3, Code No. 605.4, Code No. 605, and .Code No. 605.7.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS GOALS

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Hayes to approve the Board of Directors goals for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Board President Lee Fellers opened the Public Hearing: Iowa Code Sections 257.18-257.21: Instructional Support Program, Instructional Support Property Tax and Instructional Support Income Surtax at 6:45 p.m. The public hearing was called for the purpose of extending the instructional support levy for five years commencing with the 2014-15 budget year. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Code Sections 257.18-257.21 an instructional support program is available to all Iowa school districts, and,

WHEREAS, the Red Oak Community School District Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the school district to continue to participate in the instructional support program, and

WHEREAS, the Red Oak Community School District has held a public hearing on the participation of the District in the instructional support program and taken into account public input,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Directors of the Red Oak Community School District announces its intent to participate in the instructional support program. The Board also hereby answers the following proposition in the affirmative: Shall the Board of Directors of the Red Oak Community School District in Montgomery, Page and Pottawattamie Counties, State of Iowa, be authorized for a period of five years commencing with the 2014-15 budget year, to levy and impose an instructional support tax in an amount (after taking into consideration instructional support state aid) not to exceed ten (10) percent of the total of regular program district cost for the budget year and monies received under section 257.14 as a budget adjustment for the budget year and be authorized annually in combination to levy an instructional support property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district, commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and to impose an instructional support income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2014 or each year thereafter (the per cent of income surtax not to exceed twenty percent (20%) to be determined by the Board for each fiscal year), to be used for any general fund purpose?
2. If, within 28 days following the adoption of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Board does not receive a petition seeking an election to approve or disapprove the action of the board containing signatures of eligible electors in a number of not less than 100 or 30% of the number of voters at the last preceding regular school election, whichever is greater, the Board shall immediately certify its action to the Department of Management and the District shall participate in the program.
3. If a petition with the requisite number of signatures as aforementioned is received, the Board shall consider whether to rescind its action or direct the County Commissioner of Elections to submit the question to the registered voters of the school district at the next following regular school election or a special election. At the election, if a majority of those voting on the question favor disapproval, the Board shall not participate in the instructional support program and if a majority of those voting on the question favor approval, the Board shall immediately certify the results of the election to the Department of Management and the District shall participate in the instructional support program.

Motion by: Walker

Seconded by: Griffen

Ayes: Hayes, Griffen, Walker, Fellers, Drey

Nays: None

CERTIFIED ENROLLMENT REPORT

Business Manager Shirley Maxwell reported to the Directors on the certified enrollment report of October 1, 2013. Enrollment numbers for the district are down compared to the fiscal 2013 school year. Resident public students attending the district are down 36.3 students, resident students attending another Iowa public school district are down 4.0 students, non-public shared time and Competent Private Instruction (home schooled) students dual enrolled for district classes are down .99 students, non-resident public students attending our district are down 5.0 students, PK-4 students attending our statewide voluntary preschool program are up 7.5 students (weighted enrollment), total school age students provided instructional programs services by our district are down 42.29 students.

BOARD POLICIES

Director Hayes moved with a second by Director Drey to tentatively approve the first reading of board policies with the following changes: Code 905.3 Tobacco/Nicotine now should include “nicotine” and references to “nicotine products”; Code 606.1 Class Size – Class Grouping legal reference and cross reference change; Code 606.2 School Ceremonies and Observances legal reference and cross reference change; Code 606.3 Animals in the Classroom, date change and minor language change eliminating reference to “seeing eye” or “hearing”; Code 606.4 Student Productions of Materials and Services, date change; Code 606.5 Student Field Trips and Excursions legal reference change – and, keep the language requiring board approval for out-of-state trips and overnight stays; Code 606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space date change and code reference update; Code 607.1 Student Guidance and Counseling Program date change and code reference update; Code 607.2 Student Health Services, no changes; Code 607.2R1 Student Health Services Regulation, no changes. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL FACILITY SECURITY ISSUES

Director of Maintenance & Operations Pete Wemhoff addressed numerous school security issues discussed in recent editions of the Red Oak Express. As a result, each attendance center and all employees have reviewed protocols in place that must be adhered. Accountability checks will be made on a regular basis. The Directors will also examine project costs to install electronic security devices at all points of entry. Numerous vendors will examine the district in the days ahead with a proposal readied for Director consideration on October 29.

PROPANE FUEL BID RESULTS

Director Griffen moved with a second by Director Walker to approve the bid from United Farmers Mercantile Cooperative for 6000 gallons of propane at a cost of \$1.49 per gallon, taxes not included. Director Drey abstained. The motion carried 4-0.

WINTER SNOW & ICE TREATMENT BID RESULTS

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Walker to approve Green Tree Service for snow removal at all school facilities for the 2013-2014 school year, excluding the Inman Primary School complex, and approving Orme Outdoor Service for the snow removal at the Inman Primary School complex for the 2013-2014 school year. Green Tree Service will (as needed) salt all complexes. The motion carried unanimously.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Walker approval of permission to apply for the Iowa Department of Education Program Teacher Leadership and Compensation System. The motion carried unanimously.

WRESTLING EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Walker approval of purchase of a Dollarmur Flexi Roll wrestling mat at a cost not to exceed \$10,150. These funds will be paid by the Activity/Athletic Department and contributions by various community booster groups. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Walker to approve the recommendation for Brenda Black and Kelli Bucy as paraprofessionals not to exceed 7.5 hours per day for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Walker to approve Sharon Allison as a grade eight girls basketball coach for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Drey moved with a second by Director Walker to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sue Wagaman Board Room, Administrative Center in the Technology Building. The motion carried unanimously.

Lee Fellers, President

Shirley Maxwell, Board Secretary