

Red Oak Community School District
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
October 26, 2015

This regular meeting of the board of Directors of the Red Oak Community School District was called to order by Vice President Bryce Johnson at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Directors: Kathy Walker, Bryce Johnson, Mark Johnson, Bret Blackman,
Shirley Maxwell, Board Secretary, Tom Messinger, Superintendent

Absent: Paul Griffen

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Mark Johnson to approve the agenda as presented with the order of agenda items at the discretion of the board president. Motion carried unanimously.

Good News

The Red Oak High School Band has had a very successful year. They received a Division I superior rating at the State Marching Band Festival. They were also very successful at the Loess Hills Fieldfest and the Southwest Iowa Band Jamboree.

Visitors and Presentations

Principal Spotts updated the board on the High School use of data. He explained what the staff has been working on during Professional Learning Communities to use student achievement data to help drive instruction and professional development. He included documents showing the results of the NWEA Map Testing. This consisted of testing over reading, mathematics, language, and general science. These tests measure a student's academic growth over time.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Blackman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Items comprised in the consent agenda:

- Approval of minutes from October 12, 2015
- Approval of monthly business reports
- Approval of Education Service Agreements with Council Bluffs Community School District and East Mills Community School District

Superintendent and Board Goals and Priorities

Superintendent Messinger reviewed the superintendent goals and priorities that were discussed last June before he began work in the district. These goals and priorities were a result of a work session that was done with Gaylord Tryon and the Directors. Discussion followed. This item will be on the agenda of the next meeting. At that time the Directors will determine their top three or four priorities and then clearly identify and define what they would look like in an ideal state.

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Discussion to Develop a Communication Plan for Red Oak Community School District Building Project

The Directors discussed communicating the building project to the community. The audience for the project includes parents, students, business & industry, community members, retired residents, staff members, non-English speaking residents, and the media. The channel for the framework includes radio, newspaper, newsletter, social media, press release, board meetings and packets and town hall meetings. This item will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

Approval of Middle School Actor's Workshop Sponsor Position

Principal Perrien submitted a plan that would include a smaller production of the fall play at the Middle School but would serve more students by the establishment of the Actor's Workshop. The position for Actor's Workshop would be a 3.75% position and the MS Assistant Director position, which will not be filled, is a 3.0% position. Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Blackman to approve the plan to open the MS Actor's Workshop sponsor position as allowed for in the Master Contract resulting in a .75% increase in cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Middle School Yearbook Change Proposal

Motion by Director Mark Johnson, second by Director Blackman to approve the plan to change the yearbook process at the ROMS to have staff work with students during the day to develop the yearbook and then provide the yearbook to students at a cost of \$5.00 for the early edition or free if they wait until the end of the school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal to Calculate Required Graduation Credits for Students Earning High School Credits from More than one Institution.

Superintendent Messinger presented information to the Directors concerning students who move into the district and how the credits they received at their prior district could cause problems with graduation requirements in another district. Discussion followed. This change can be handled through the approved board policies and course guides from each school a student has attended. The student would have their graduation requirements adjusted in Red Oak by recognizing the requirements of the schools and times of attendance at those schools.

Adjournment

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Blackman to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A special board meeting will be held on Nov. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. to meet with Matt Gillaspie, (Piper Jaffray, Inc.) to discuss the financial implications of the building project.

The next regular board meeting will be held Nov. 9th, 2015 in the Sue Wagaman Board Room, Red Oak CSD Administrative Center at 6:00 p.m.

Bryce Johnson, Vice President

Shirley Maxwell, Board Secretary