

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
March 28, 2016

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

Present:

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Bryce Johnson to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of the public hearing for the High School Baseball Field Lighting Project and the order of agenda items at the discretion of the board president. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitors

Daric O'Neal reminded the directors of the Wednesday, March 30th, community meeting at the White Fair Building. The team will be presenting facts related to: the existing buildings, financial facts on repairing these buildings, and the eight focus groups. There will be a visual preference survey for those in attendance at the meeting. He also stated that the public hearing for the High School Baseball Field Lighting Project will be on the April 11th agenda. On April 6th a prebid meeting will be held beginning at the baseball field. All bids will be due by April 13th with this item being on the April 25th agenda for action by the board.

Voc Ag Instructor Alan Spencer, Industrial Technology Instructor Bob Peterson and Sophomore Lucas Mellott were present to update the directors on recent Red Oak High School Agriculture/Industrial Technology Career Exploration Tours. In 2014, Southwestern Community College started Southwestern's Workplace Learning Network through an appropriation by the Iowa Legislature. In 2015, the Red Oak Ag and Industrial Tech Classes toured Kinze Manufacturing and Vermeer Manufacturing. In 2016 the classes toured the John Deere Engine Works and Tractor Cab Assembly facilities in Waterloo.

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes from March 10 and 14
- Monthly business reports
- Open enrollment request
Drake Booth – Kindergartener from Villisca CSD

Public Hearing for the Proposed 2016-2017 Red Oak Community School Budget

Motion by Director Mark Johnson, second by Director Blackman to open the public hearing for the proposed 2016-2017 school budget at 6:15 p.m. in the Sue Wagaman Board Room, 2011 N. 8th Street, Red Oak, Iowa. Motion carried unanimously. Business Manager Shirley Maxwell presented the proposed 2016-2017 Red Oak Community School District budget. Members of the

board and community members who were present and wished to speak regarding the proposed budget were given time to share their opinions, concerns and questions.

Motion by Director Blackman, second by Director Bryce Johnson to close the public hearing for the 2016-2017 school budget at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The board was back in regular session immediately following the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Discussion/Approval of the Natural Gas Sales Agreement with Wood River Energy

Don Krattenmaker representing Wood River Energy was present to answer any questions the directors had about the natural gas sales agreement. Motion by Director Mark Johnson, second by Director Blackman to approve the Natural Gas Sales Agreement with Wood River Energy LLC with a managed purchase price. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and Probable Action to Approve the 2016-2017 School Budget

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Mark Johnson to approve the Red Oak Community School District 2016-2017 school budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and Probable Action to Approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Bryce Johnson to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The first day of classes for students will be August 24th.

Discussion Approval for K-3 Elementary Curriculum Purchase in the amount of \$20,000 Through the Successful Progressions Early Literacy Grant

Principal Allensworth explained the curriculum to the directors and stated funds to pay for a major portion of the curriculum will come from the Successful Progressions Early Literacy Grant. Motion by Director Blackman, second by Director Bryce Johnson to approve the purchase of K-3 Elementary Curriculum from Center for the Collaborative Classroom at a cost of \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of a Sharing Agreement Between Red Oak CSD and Stanton Schools for High School Business Classes for FY 2017

Superintendent Messinger shared information with the directors concerning the sharing of a business manager and guidance counselor with Stanton Schools and the sharing agreement with Stanton for Ag and Industrial Technology classes in which Stanton students come to Red Oak to attend. Sharing currently provides shared dollars for the districts and additional opportunities that may not be possible if schools were left on their own. Since there has been a decline in enrollment in the business classes, there is a possibility that Red Oak could share a Stanton business teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. The Business classes would be taught in Stanton. Supt Messinger has had conversations with the Superintendent of Stanton Schools and they are willing to allow Red Oak students to take business classes at Stanton. This would allow Red Oak students access to a business curriculum for the 2016-2017 school year. At the end of next school year, administrators would evaluate the situation and determine the course of action for the following years. Supt. Messinger stated the goal would be to build interest back up in the area of business education. He stated work will continue on authentic opportunities outside the

classroom as well as to build Red Oak offerings which could lead to a full time business program back at Red Oak Community High School. This will be on a future agenda.

Personnel Considerations

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Blackman to approve the contract for Sue Geer as Washington Media Center Paraprofessional for the 2016-2017 school year. The pay will be \$10.40 per hour plus increase according to 2016-2017 Master Contract at 7.5 hours per day. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

Supt. Messinger has met with the teacher leadership group in January and again in March in order to make changes to the Teacher Leadership system so it can operate more efficiently and effectively taking into account where the district is with the learning process. The entire framework will be established to support instruction which includes: content, teaching practices and strategies, and assessments. This will be the entire focus of all of our learning in professional development. There will be a system of supports and accountability in place that will be communicated out to everyone and professional development will be assessed continually. Adaptations will be made to the learning supports as the needs arise.

Future Conferences

A Community meeting to discuss the facility planning process will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 6:00-7:00 pm. at the White Fair Building.

A Policy Leadership & Legal Issues Conference will be held on April 13, 2016, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Meadows Events & Conference Center in Altoona, IA.

A Strategic Governance Workshop will be held at the Green Hills AEA Regional Office in Red Oak, Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Director Walker, second by Director Blackman to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016, 6:00 p.m., in the Sue Wagaman Board Room, Administrative Center in the Technology Building.