

Board of Education Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

Middle School/High School Media Center
565 S. Kimmel
Osceola, NE 68651-0198

Jennifer Boruch: Present
John Kropatsch: Present
Adam Peterson: Present
Jodie Roberts: Present
Tom Schleif: Present
Darin Sterup: Present

1. Osceola Public Schools Board of Education Information

Notice of this meeting was posted at the Jeffrey Elementary School, Osceola Middle School/High School, Pinnacle Bank of Osceola, and the Osceola Post Office. A copy of the agenda items is tentative and may be changed by the Board if necessary.

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Schleif called the regular meeting to order at 6: PM and informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room, then directed the public to its location.

2.2. Roll Call

Also present were Superintendent Rinehart, MS/HS Principal Dale Maynard, Debra Berry, Lisa Stowe, Julie Rinehart, Osceola student Caleb Green, one patron from the Osceola district, and EHA representative Greg Long. Shelby-Rising City Public School's Superintendent Chip Kay and board members Roy Houdersheldt, Heath Vrbka and Geoff Ruth were present to talk to the Osceola Public Schools' board.

2.3. Excuse Board Members Who Are Absent

To excuse Roberts Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Jennifer Boruch.
Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

3. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda as written Passed with a motion by Darin Sterup and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

4. Recognition of Visitors/Communications from the Public

4.1. Shelby Superintendent Chip Kay addressing merger offer.

Shelby-Rising City Public Schools' Superintendent Chip Kay addressed their strategic plan for their district and what their thoughts are about merging with Osceola Public Schools.

Superintendent Kay stated that their goal is to have one site in Shelby, but a neutral site for a merged district may be an option in the future. Shelby-Rising City board members Roy Houdershledt, Geoff Ruth and Heath Vrbka also answered questions asked by Osceola board members.

4.2. Greg Long, EHA representative, presenting dual option insurance package.

EHA Representative, Greg Long, explained the advantages of offering a Health Savings Account (HSA) for health insurance. This is not to replace the current health insurance plan, but to make another option available to employees.

5. Reports

5.1. Principals Reports

5.1.1. Elementary Report

Elementary Principal Sarah Johnson submitted a written report about the progress of the preschool. Supplies have been ordered, a spot has been cleared for playground equipment, cabinets are being installed, and the state liaison for preschool has visited twice.

5.1.2. MS/HS Report

MS/HS Principal Maynard had Osceola student Caleb Green explain the event "June Jam" to the Board. Grants are available to get students involved in a club to promote being drug-free and getting involved in activities around the community. Principal Maynard gave his written and oral report about: updates to the student handbook; student numbers; and computer "bootcamp".

5.2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Steven Rinehart gave his written and oral report about: the completion of the hot water heater project; the installation of the preschool playground equipment; the confirmation of board member points for NASB; upcoming NASB area meetings; the start of the budget process; and the possibility of moving monies to the depreciation fund at the end of the year.

5.3. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

6. Action Items

6.1. Consent Agenda

Approval of the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.1.1. Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes

6.1.2. Treasurer's Report

6.1.3. Payment of general fund claims in the amount of \$419,938.42

6.2. Review of Student Fees Policy 5416

6.2.1. Review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policies of the District for the 2013-14 school year.

To open at 7:44PM the hearing for the Student Fee Policy #5416 Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Darin Sterup.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

To close hearing at 7:47PM for Student Fees Policy #5416 Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

The administration presented a review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policies of the District for the 2013-2014 school year.

6.2.2. Hold public hearing to discuss, consider and receive input on current Student Fee Policy.

The Public is given the opportunity to present information and opinions on a current Student Fee Policy.

6.2.3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to amend Student Fee Policy 5416.

Approval to amend Student Fee Policy Appendix #5416 with changes as discussed Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

Superintendent Rinehart pointed out the need to raise the fees on some items because of increased cost and to eliminate an organization that was duplicated.

6.3. Review of Parental Involvement Policy 6400

6.3.1. Hold public hearing to discuss, consider and receive input on current Parent Involvement Policy 6400. The Public is given the opportunity to present information and opinions on a current Parent Involvement Policy 6400.

To open at 7:50PM hearing for Parental Involvement Policy #6400 Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by John Kropatsch.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

To close at 7:51PM hearing for Parental Involvement Policy #6400 Passed with a motion by Jodie Roberts and a second by John Kropatsch.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.3.2. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to amend Parent Involvement Policy 6400.

Approval to re-adopt Parent Involvement Policy #6400 without alteration Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Jennifer Boruch.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.4. Review of Bullying Policy 5415

Superintendent Rinehart reviewed with the Board the current Bullying Policy #5415.

6.4.1. Review current Bullying Policy 5415.

6.4.2. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to amend Bullying Policy 5415.

Approval to re-adopt Bullying Policy #5415 without any alterations Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Darin Sterup.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.5. Second reading and review of Attendance Policy 5008

6.5.1. Review Attendance Policy 5008.

Superintendent Rinehart reviewed the current Attendance Policy #5008 with the Board.

6.5.2. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to amend Attendance Policy 5008.

Approval to amend Attendance Policy #5008 to meet requirements of state statute 79-209 Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.6. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to continue membership in the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association.

Continued membership in the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Darin Sterup.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.7. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to make handbook changes to match policy.

Approval of handbook changes as discussed by principals to match school policy and state statute Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.8. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action to add guidelines for delinquent lunch accounts to the student handbooks

Approval to publish guidelines for delinquent lunch accounts as discussed in handbook Passed with a motion by Darin Sterup and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.9. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on hiring Carita Willits and Jackie Kleinschmit as para professionals

Approval to hire Carita Willits and Jacqueline Kleinschmit as para professionals Passed with a motion by Jodie Roberts and a second by John Kropatsch.

Adam Peterson: Abstain (With Conflict), Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

6.10. Consider, discuss and take all necessary action on hiring Kathie Klein, Julia Schram and Gail Channer as kitchen help

Approval to hire Kathie Klein, Julia Schram and Gail Channer as kitchen help Passed with a motion by Jennifer Boruch and a second by Adam Peterson.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea

7. Discussion Items

7.1. Discuss report from Shelby Superintendent.

The Board discussed the information presented by Shelby-Rising City's Superintendent Kay and board members. Osceola's committee members will attend the upcoming Shelby-Rising City's board meeting.

8. Next Meeting Dates and Times

8.1. Regular meeting, August 11th, 2014, 6:00 PM at the Osceola Middle/High School Library.

9. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 8:50PM Passed with a motion by Adam Peterson and a second by Jodie Roberts.

Jennifer Boruch: Yea, John Kropatsch: Yea, Adam Peterson: Yea, Jodie Roberts: Yea, Tom Schleif: Yea, Darin Sterup: Yea