

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #41  
SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT  
AUGUST 3, 2022

President Sonia Meehl called the retreat to order at 6pm. Those present are Sonia Meehl, Rhonda Day, Robert Thorpe, Sheila Nagel, Monica Heimbuch. Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson and Tom Vanorny and Southern Valley Special Education administrator Tracey Zaun.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nagel motioned, Heimbuch seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Introductions were made.

Strategic Plan: Superintendent Sell explained that over the last two years they have used the current strategic plan. The plan is good until 2024, so for the 22-23 school year, administration will continue to try and follow the plan.

Special Education-Tracey Zaun: Tracey explained how SVSE works including the funding and hiring.

22-23 Budget: Tom explained his 4 page budget. It was discussed that we will need to know what to do at the August 9 board meeting regarding the Certificate of Levy that is due August 10 to the county. Board was asked to review the income and expenses to try to come up with some changes. Thoughts were to ask for \$500,000 in the building fund and we will most likely not get it, but we will get our 3%. We also need to increase the general fund to get our 3 mil levies.

Standards-Based Grading: Superintendent Sell explained how the SBG works. Discussion if it is a good thing, if it will eventually go to senior high and how to communicate this to the parents.

Leave Policies: Superintendent Sell explained the differences she found regarding sick leave, other leave and sick bank. Sell will try to come up with some guidance on leave.

Board Report Sharing: It was discussed if we should put our board packet online because as people are watching via Zoom, they do not get to see any of the reports.

School Board Training: Meehl would like for the board to attend a 2 day training. She will apply for a grant to attend. Possible joining in with Lisbon/Edgeley.

Adjournment: Meehl adjourned meeting at 9:25 pm