

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION
Special Board Meeting
February 27, 2012 / 6:30 P.M.
Room 202, Jr/Sr High School

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Special Session on Monday evening, February 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Jr/Sr High School, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

Chris Lawrence, President of the Board of School Trustees, who presided, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Budka led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Pearish gave prayer.

Present: Mrs. Shirley Budka
Mr. Christopher Lawrence
Mr. Seth Huitt
Mr. Jerry Pearish

Absent: Mr. Mike Keiper

Others Present: Dr. Steven Disney - Superintendent,
Mrs. Julie McLiver - Recording
Secretary, Mr. Ed Volk - school attorney, Nikki

Gibson, Greg Briles, William Bennett, Kurt Hays, Bob & Jayme Goetz, Nancy Edwards, Bob Wise.

Recognition of Visitors

Girls Varsity Basketball-recognized the team for their hard work and successful season.

Boys and Girls Varsity Swimming-Dr. Disney recognized the dedication and work the members of the swim team exhibited this year.

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to add item C2 to the agenda. Mrs. Budka made a motion. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The consensus agenda was presented as follows:

1. Agenda - February 27, 2012
2. Minutes - January 31, 2011
3. Financial Reports
4. Presentation of Claims
 - a. Vendor Claims \$600,126.36
 - b. Payroll Claims \$248,827.00
5. Programs
6. Personnel
 - a. Resignations and Non-Renewals

- b. Retirement
- c. Employment and Transfers
 - 1. Bryannah Stull - part-time (4 hour) Custodian at the Jr/Sr High School
 - 2. William Fosburgh - Head Evening Custodian/Assistant Maintenance
- 7. Leave Requests-William Bennett, Christy VanDeMark, Linda Bajgrowicz, Melissa Hensler, Cheryl Minix-National Tap Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 8. Use of Facilities

Mr. Pearish made a motion to approve the consensus agenda. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Mr. Huitt asked Mr. Bennett about the funding for the Tap Conference. Mr. Bennett stated that this is funded through the grant from TAP.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Bob Wise was then introduced. He has been the director of Jesse for the past 4 years. They have been working on a reorganization of Jesse for 5-7 years. Their board has now approved a reorganization plan and he was at the meeting to explain the plan and how it will affect the schools involved. This plan will need to be approved by the school boards of all the schools involved in the cooperative. They will moving to a joint service and supply model with one school that will act as the LEA and will handle the fiscal operations of the J.E.S.S.E. Corp. The nine school corporations will be divided into 4 service districts with John Glenn and Union-North as one, Triton, Argos and Culver as one, Oregon-Davis, Knox and North Judson as one, and Plymouth standing alone. The school corporations will hire their own special education staff. They will come with their years of experience and their sick days. An employment offer and contract must be offered by April 12. Non-certified staff will be a little different. They *may* be offered employment by May 15. They would come into the same wage scale as the other para-professionals in the corporation. Some corporations will offer benefits others will not. Mr. Wise stated they are hoping to have the agreement approved by the school corporations by April 1. Services for children will continue for the most part the same as they are now. The children are the least affected by this reorganization. The reorganization takes effect July 1. The Board thanked Mr. Wise for his presentation and stated that he had answered the questions they had.

Business continued on with the resignation of Michael Keiper from the school board. Mr. Huitt made a motion to accept Mr. Keiper's resignation. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Dr. Disney said that all of the positive improvements that have occurred at Oregon-Davis over the past few years, are a direct reflection on Mr. Keiper's leadership as board president. Mike has been involved and actively engaged at making Oregon-Davis better. He said Mr. Keiper challenged him as a superintendent to be better and strive for excellence for the students. He expressed his appreciation for the time and service and all the work that he has done for Oregon-Davis. Mr. Lawrence stated that Mike was a great help to him as he got started on the school board. Mrs. Budka stated that Mike was always level-headed and she enjoyed working with him. Motion carried 4-0.

The report section of the meeting started with Mr. Lawrence. Last week he took a tour of both schools. He was very impressed that the children do not get distracted by visitors coming through but stay focused on their work. He commended Katie Schwenk and Dylan Shively for becoming Lily Finalists. A question was asked by Mr. Huitt about direct deposit for substitutes. Ms. Gibson answered that the corporation is working towards direct deposit for everyone in the corporation. Dr. Disney stated that they are looking at direct deposit for everyone at the start of the next school year. A follow-up question was answered about what bank they could use. Ms. Gibson answered that they will be able to use the bank of their choice. There will also be a cost savings to the corporation by going with direct deposit school-wide.

Superintendent's report. Dr. Bennett's office and the DOE invited Dr. Disney, Mr. Bennett and 3-4 teachers to the State House on Thursday as one of the ten highest improving schools in the state (Oregon-Davis is #9).

Mr. Bennett said he is so proud of his staff and their willingness and openness to change. He is excited to be able to lead them.

Mr. Briles recognized the Boys and Girls Swim Teams and the Girls Basketball Team. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a pep session to send the Boys Basketball Team off to their sectional game on Tuesday evening. He commended the teachers in his building. He said they have had a lot thrown at them and they are working very hard. Mr. Riley will once again be doing the SEA program this summer. This program is fully funded. Also they will be doing the A+ program for credit recovery for summer school which will run out of the alternative classroom. FFA week was very successful. Between Homecoming, girls Sectional and FFA there has been a lot of activity going on in the building. A group from Lebanon was up to visit the school and staff last week to see how Oregon-Davis has implemented the one to one computer program and to review the New Tech school. They spoke to students and toured the New Tech rooms. They are just one of many schools who have visited after having been steered to visit Oregon-Davis.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Pearish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Shirley Budka, Asst. Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver