

**OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**March 19, 2012 / 6:30 PM**  
**Room 202, Jr/Sr High School**

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Special Session on Monday evening, March 19, 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. Shirley Budka led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Seth Huitt gave prayer.

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

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Steven Disney - Superintendent,  
Mrs. Julie McLiver - Recording Secretary, Mr.  
Ed Volk - Attorney, Mr. Greg Briles, Mr. William  
Bennett, Mr. Kurt Hayes, Ms. Linda Bajgrowicz

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

The consensus agenda was presented as follows:

- Agenda - March 19, 2012
- Minutes of the February 27, 2012 Special Session
- Financial Reports
- Presentation of Claims
  - Vendor Claims - \$262,243.02
  - Payroll Claims - \$123,882.88
- Programs
  - a. Summer Supervised Agricultural Experience, Mr. Riley, June 4, -August 3, 2012  
A+ Credit Recover Program based out of the Alternative School
  - b. Summer School for 1st-6th Graders through the Starke County Youth Club, June 11, 2012 through July 13, 2012
- Personnel
  - Resignations and Non-Renewals
    - 1. William Coatie - Oregon-Davis Jr. High Basketball Coach

- Retirement
- Employment and Transfers
- Leave Requests
- Use of Facilities

Mrs. Budka made a motion to approve the consensus agenda. Mr. Pearish seconded the motion. Dr. Disney congratulated Mr. Coatie on getting a head coaching position in Elkhart. He wished him the best and said this was Mr. Coatie's dream to get such a position. Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Pearish both expressed a desire to bring Mr. Coatie in to give a a public recognition.

Motion carried 4-0.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

Mrs. Budka made a motion to accept and approve the Jesse re-organization agreement. Mr. Pearish seconded the motion.

At last month's board meeting, Mr. Bob Wise, director from Jesse, made a presentation explaining the re-organization and this is the formal approval in that re-organization process. Mr. Lawrence stated he appreciated Mr. Wise's presentation, it answered many questions for him. Part of this approval process means the school will be offering contracts to the special education teachers presently at Oregon-Davis.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to change the time of the April 16 Board Meeting from 6:30 PM to 1:00 PM. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion.

Dr. Disney stated the school is continuing to try to find ways for students to see public service and government in action. Earlier this year court was held at the school and it was a tremendous experience for the students. They would like to continue this with the board meeting during the day so seniors can see how the board conducts business and perhaps gain an understanding of and desire to serve in the future. The board members were receptive to this concept and said they would re-arrange their schedules to be able to do this.

Motion carried 4-0.

### **Other Business Items**

#### **Reports:**

There were no board member reports.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Disney had a great report to give on refinancing debt (which was started about a year ago). The rates have been locked in at 2.31% on the 2002 previous bonds for a savings of \$961,544.00, saving an average of \$90,000 per year which will result in a 4 cent reduction to the over-all tax rate through 2024. Dr. Disney thanked Mr. Volk, Mr. Pletcher and Mr. Shanahan for all the help they have given in accomplishing this refinancing. The Board said this was great news. Mr. Volk said April 17 is the actual closing date but the papers have been signed and the rate is locked in.

Principals: Mr. Bennett reported on the National Tap Conference in California he attended last week with two teachers from the Elementary and two teachers from the Jr./Sr. High School. He thanked the board for allowing them to attend and said it was an eye-opening experience. He said they are about where they should be for a school in their first year of TAP. The Elementary just finished their third round of evaluations. So far 57 evaluations have been completed. He stated it is a very powerful process and is excited to see the progress for teachers that will result.

Mr. Briles passed a copy of the evaluation rubric to the board members that explains how they evaluate. He said it is very time-consuming with pre-conference and post-conference meetings with each teacher, 4 evaluations, 2 announced and 2 not announced, and the follow-up after each evaluation to write up the report. He said his hat is off to the mentor and master teachers for the time they are putting in to this program. Around the 1st of May evaluations should be done in the Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Briles then reported on work that Becky Pflugshaupt, Mr. Riley and Mrs. Awald are doing with the after school program. Ground near the barn has been leveled off and they will be putting in gardening beds to grow vegetables to give back to the community. The greenhouse will also be utilized and they are trying to work on a farmers market type of idea.

Near the track building, Matt Lotter and Robin Latimer obtained funding to clean up the concession stand to use for soccer, baseball and track seasons.

Another fund raiser taking place this week has been spear-headed by Katy Schwenk, president of Fellowship for Christian Athletes. For 50 cents each day that the students pay they have different items they will be able to wear. Money raised will go for the purchase of water to be distributed to individuals that have the need for fresh water. on Monday April 2, for 50 cents students will enter a contest to see who can beat Mr. Briles Spring Break Tan. On another note the seniors have filled one 55-gallon drum and have another drum half full. Spring sports have started, they are outside and they are having a blast.

Mr. Briles reported that next year Ivy Tech will offer 19 different courses that will be available for dual credit at no cost to the student.

Ms. Bajgrowicz had questions about the referendum and funding cuts. The board stated that they will need to save money and be frugal but these questions would be better addressed at the OD EdPac Meeting to be held tomorrow night.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mrs. Budka made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pearish seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

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Shirley Budka, Secretary

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Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver