

# **OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Monday, October 20, 2014  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Susan G. Rowles Board Room, Administration Building, Oregon-Davis School Corporation, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532**

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, October 20, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Susan G. Rowles Board Room of the Administration Building, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

## **1.0 Call to Order**

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1.01 Welcome - Chris Lawrence - Board Members in Attendance - Chris Lawrence, Andrea McIntosh, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka. Mr. Nagai arrived after Item 4.02 was approved. Others in attendance - Nick Otis, school attorney, Mr. Pletcher, Mr. Bennett, Nikki Salazar, Brenda Miller, Julie McLiver, recording secretary.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Bennett

1.03 Recognition of Visitors - none in attendance

## **2.0 Consent Agenda**

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2.01 Agenda - October 20, 2014

2.02 Minutes - September 22, 2014

2.03 Financial Reports - Appropriations Report and Fund Report

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$586,803.44

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$274,981.29

2.06 Programs - None

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals - Jr/Sr High School Dishwasher - Pat Camp

2.08 Retirement - None

2.09 Employment and Transfers - Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Kaylee Slone; Jr/Sr High School Dishwasher - Pat Mundt

2.10 Leave Notices and Field Trip Notices -  
Leave Notices

William Bennett, Todd Briles, Sept. 24, Star 360 Training - Merrillville  
Lisa Glennon, Cheryl Bragg, Bonne Schwenk, 9/23 Mclass Dibels-In House  
Amy Borkholder, 9/24, Dibels Math Testing - In House  
Kris Hinds, Elizabeth Cooper, Deb Marsh 9/25, dibels Math Testing-In House  
Tim Pletcher, Bruce Hirschy, Oct. 9, AdvancED Seminar, Rochester  
Kimberly Berg, Oct. 14, Jr. Class seeking prom venue  
Tim Pletcher, Drew Carlin, 10/16-10/17 New Tech Summit, Chicago  
Kari Camery, 10/15, Educ. Eval. Report IEP, LaPorte High School

#### Field Trip Notices

10/2 - Grade 7 & 8 Knox Middle School - Mfg. Day

10/30 - Grade 2 Guse Corn Maze

10/31 - Grade 1 Guse's Pumpkin Patch

11/5 - Grade 7 & 8 amish Acres Play - Diary of Anne Frank

2.11 Use of Facilities - October 11 - Wake Up Starke Co. Political Candidate Forum  
November 13 - Band Boosters - Cider and Canvas

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Mrs. McIntosh made the motion, second was made by Mrs. Budka.

Mr. Briles asked to add a facility use form for the Plymouth School Corporation to rent the pool this year at \$60 per hour. They submit a calendar to us and work around our schedule. Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to add this to the consent agenda, Mr. Hayes made that motion with a second by Mrs. Budka. Motion passed 4-0.

Other discussion, Mrs. McIntosh asked about a fuel tank purchased from Scott. Mr. Briles replied it is an \$1800.00 fuel tank that we paid \$900 to use as an on site tank for mowers or emergencies. Mr. Hayes asked about the Wiers expense seems to be staying down. Four of the oldest buses have been taken off the fleet. Mr. Briles met with Mr. Wiers last week regarding the cost on our special education bus and that is being looked into as far as warranties that may apply. Friday was our bus inspection, all three buses in that inspection passed. Wiers was also present for the inspection.

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed 4-0.

### **3.0 Discussion/Action Items**

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3.01 Adoption of the 2015 Oregon-Davis Corporation Annual Budget which includes General Fund, Capital Projects Fund (3-year plan), Transportation Fund (operations plan), Transportation Fund (12-year school bus replacement plan), Debt Fund Plan, Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund, Referendum Fund/Exempt Operating, Rainy Day Fund.

Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. The only question asked concerned the bus replacement plan for 2016 was only \$70,000. That year would be for the mini-bus replacement, therefore the cost would be less. Motion passed 4-0.

### **4.0 Other Business Items**

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4.01 Consideration of declaring listed items from the Elementary Library as junk. Motion made by Mrs. Budka, seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. These items included old TV's, overhead projectors, tape recorders and other equipment that is no longer used. As long as the value is under \$500 it can be scrapped. Motion passed 4-0.

4.02 Consideration of accepting \$5,000 donation from the Starke County Economic Development Foundation. Motion made by Mrs. Budka and seconded by Mr. Hayes. This will be used towards the purchase of MecLab Training System for Project Lead the Way. The total cost is \$7,675.00. With this donation the cost to the school will only be \$2,675.00. Motion passed 4-0.

4.03 Consideration of approving balanced calendar as presented. This item is for discussion only, no vote will be taken. Motion to open the discussion was made by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Mr. Briles provided the board with information on balanced calendars and districts that have gone to them along with statistics compiled from the public meeting conducted at Oregon-Davis last spring. All of the schools we associate with through Jesse and vocational programs will be making a decision on the balanced calendar in November. This will also be placed on our November School Board Meeting Agenda for a vote. It was during this discussion that Mr. Nagai was able to join the meeting.

## **5.0 Curriculum**

### **6.0 Informational Agenda Items**

6.01 Board Member Reports - The regional meeting at Plymouth went very well. Mr. Hayes reported on the Hero 911 meeting and said it was very informational.

6.02 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Mr. Briles thanked Officer Lonigro and Officer Hinds for the Hero 911 program. NIESC is going to contact the presenter for this program and have it presented to a future Study Council Meeting. The cost of this program could potentially come out of next years Safety Grant. Mr. Briles also presented information on cost of billboards in the area as requested. Burkhart in Marshall County would be \$5,460 per year plus artwork, in Starke County in would be \$3,900 per year plus artwork. The screening sheets that are used are approximately \$5,000 each. He also shared the start time analysis that was requested in correlation with the vocational classes and their start times.

6.03 Staff Member Reports - Mr. Bennett stated that many projects have been going on in the Elementary School. Mrs. Marsh had a butterfly project, Mrs. Stone has been doing a safest playground research project as a project based learning activity with the fifth and sixth grade, there have been roller coaster projects going on. He said the teachers have been working really hard and he is glad that Fall Break is coming. As far as the parent teacher conferences most teachers are full-they typically see 90-95% participation among the parents of Kindergarten to fourth grade..

A question was asked about The Crossing. At the present time all of the spots for Oregon-Davis are full.

Mr. Pletcher mentioned the Junior High Dance would be taking place on Tuesday evening along with Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Eskridge has been working with his students on an art auction and they just completed a post-it note portrait that is now on display. Mr. Pletcher, Mr. Estok and Mrs. Ecker are meeting face to face with junior high students to help them reflect on where they are academically so they can determine the work that they need to do. They have also talked to the seniors that have at least one F to make sure they understand that they need to get to work to bring this up. A question was asked if scholarship information is going out to the students. Mr. Pletcher said he will follow up on that with Mrs. Ecker, but that GPA's have been discussed with the students that they have spoken with to emphasize to them the importance of their grades in relation to going on college and financial assistance they can receive.

6.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

6.05 Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nagai made that motion and it was seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.