

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, April 18, 2016
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, April 18, 2016 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

1.01 Welcome by Chris Lawrence. In attendance: Chris Lawrence, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka, Andrea McIntosh, Lee Nagai, Jim Dermody, Tim Pletcher, William Bennett, Nikki Salazar, Scott Taylor, Tish Cooper, Courtney Fuchs, Lisa Rizek, Amanda Lester, Kennedy Ash, Bianca Ash, Irene Szakonyi, Rashel Herbert-Varchetto, Julie McLiver.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tish Cooper

1.03 Recognition of Visitors - Ms. Lester was recognized and allowed time to discuss the recent accomplishments of the music students who recently participated in ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest. Five students participated (including Kennedy Ash). Each of the students took a solo to contest and a woodwind trio attended. In all the students came back with 3 gold medals and 3 silver medals. This was a very good showing for these students and Ms. Lester is hopeful that with this good start there will be even more participation next year with students entering into the highest class that can take them to the state completion.

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.01 Agenda - April 18, 2016

2.02 Minutes - March 14, 2016

2.03 Financial Reports - Appropriations, Fund, Deduction Checks Posting, Extra-Curricular

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$326,061.39

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$281,724.33

2.06 Programs - ODSC Presentation at ASCD Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference / Tish Cooper & Amy Borkholder

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals -

2.08 Retirement - Cheryl Bragg, Deb Marsh

2.09 Employment and Transfers - Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Jeff Jones

2.10 Leave Requests and Field Trip Requests -

Leave Requests

Jeff Messer 3/29/16 Returning Summer Food Prog. Merrillville

Field Trips

Renaissance (student Incentives) 5/12/16 Pizza Hut

2.11 Use of Facilities - 3/15/16, Hamlet Police Dept. 6-8 pm, Elementary School; 4/17/16, Senior Class & Athletics, Cafeteria, 10:00 am - 6 pm

Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by Mr. Hayes, 2nd by Mrs. Budka. As for discussion, Mr. Dermody recognized Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Borkholder for being selected to present at the ASCD Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference. This is a dual honor for both of them and thus ODSC. Mrs. Cooper then gave some of the highlights of the experience. They had a large attendance at their session of the conference and were moved to a larger room. The ideas they presented were relating to paperless math (getting away from worksheets), using hands on play ideas to teach math concepts, and instructional technology. The conference also provided information and videos that the teachers were able to take from the conference and review on their own afterwards. The board was very pleased with the information and congratulated the teachers on the experience.

Motion passed 5-0. At this point Mr. Dermody also recognized the two long time Oregon-Davis teachers that will be retiring this year, Cheryl Bragg and Debra Marsh. They have contributed as leaders in their grade levels and their service is very much appreciated.

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Consideration to approve Election Board and Starke County Board of Commissioners using the school as a polling place for Oregon 1 Precinct for the Primary Election on May 3, 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Consideration to authorize the purchase of a new school bus for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion made by Mr. Nagai, seconded by Mr. Hayes. This is to replace a 16 year old bus on the fleet. At the next board meeting a history of the bus fleet will be presented. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Consideration to approve the Autism Resources of Marshall County (ARMC) request to host the summer camp at the Oregon-Davis Campus from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm CST, Monday - Thursday, between June 6 - June 30 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai and seconded by Mrs. Budka. Time was turned over to Mrs. Fuchs and Mrs. Rizek for some background information of this camp. The first two weeks will

be for students in K-6 grades and the last two weeks will be for students 6-12 grades. There will be a cap of 25 children per group. After their presentation and Board questions were answered the motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Consideration to accept donation from Lee Nagai for the acquisition and installation of a basketball goal for the elementary gym with all appropriate equipment, protective padding, and labor in memory of Turk Nagai and Walter Siedentop.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai and seconded by Mrs. Budka. Mr. Dermody noted that this is a very generous donation and Mr. Nagai has been coordinating his efforts with Mr. Estok and Mr. Taylor. Motion passed 5-0.

4.0 Other Business Items - Discussion Only

4.01 Mrs. Irene Szakonyi / Director Starke County Youth Club. Mrs. Szakonyi gave a presentation on after school programs across the state and how many children attend. Oregon-Davis has been very supportive of SCYC and has a very good representation of students attending. Mrs. Szakonyi encouraged all who could to participate in the upcoming radiothon fundraiser that provides tremendous financial support to SCYC.

4.02 State Development Network Grant - Mr. Dermody gave a brief background on this grant that he was contacted about just before Spring Break. Oregon-Davis was invited to participate along with six other school corporations in the state. Mr. Pletcher and Mr. Bennett did a great deal of work on this grant over break and initial approval came this past Friday. Mr. Dermody hopes to have Mr. Bundridge from the Department of Education at the June 13th Board Meeting to give further details of regarding this opportunity.

4.03 Surface Transportation Board Draft Scope of Study - Mr. Dermody gave the Board a letter he had received from the Surface Transportation Board inviting comments and input into this project. Mr. Nagai gave a very good explanation of what this entails.

5.0 Informational Agenda Items

5.01 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Mr. Dermody reported on the ISTEP+ Multiple Choice assessment officially starting April 18- May 6; Prom is May 6; Spring sports: track and baseball are underway; Friday, May 20th will be the mini-relay for life fight against cancer date at the elementary school; and the elementary recently raised \$375.00 for Juvenile Diabetes. At the May meeting, Mr. Dermody will bring recommendations for summer projects out of Capital Project Funds. IREAD3 results will be available soon. A reminder to the Board that next Wednesday the 27th is the ISBA meeting in Plymouth. At the May meeting a discussion about a booth at the Starke Co. Fair will be on the agenda. Mr. Dermody also commended Nikki for the great job she did stepping up while the office was shorthanded the past week due to unforeseen circumstances. Mr. Dermody also mentioned that he, along with the principals, are looking at existing staffing and scrutinizing all expenditures.

Mr. Bennett reported that attendance at elementary intersession was 18 or 19 each day, the students who were signed up to come were there and Mr. Corey should be recognized for the hard work he put in to make this a success. There will be a Kindergarten/Preschool carnival/ open house coming up to try to attract more students to sign up for our programs here. There will also be refreshments and an open swim. More information will be on the menu, website and WKVI. May 5th will be a K-2 music concert. Tentative date for 6th grade celebration is May 25th.

Mr. Pletcher reported that attendance at secondary intersession was 13-14 each day and nineteen students attended at least one day. Mr. Klinedinst and Mr. Pletcher ran them through stations to help them with the subjects needed for remediation. Mrs. Radtke was acknowledged for her third period eighth grade class for winning a reading contest. Yellowstone Trail Fest has once again contacted the Jr/Sr High School to participate in the festival this year. Art students will be painting windows in town, the marching band will once again participate and Mr. Julian is working with students who will dress up in Roaring 20's period clothing and be prepared to interact with the crowd on that time period.

5.02 Board Member Reports - Mr. Nagai thanked Bob Shaw and Knox Fertilizer for once again donating the fertilizer for the athletic fields.

5.03 Staff Member Reports - none

5.04 Requested Visitor Participation- none

5.04 Adjournment - Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nagai made this motion with Mrs. Budka seconding. Motion passed 5-0. meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.