

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, December 11, 2017
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, December 11, 2017 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 President Chris Lawrence. In attendance: Chris Lawrence, Andrea McIntosh, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka, Annette Ferch, Dr. Harman, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Pletcher, Mrs. Budka, Mr. Carlin, Mrs. Salazar, Tracy Thompson, Ms. Bajgrowicz, Mrs. Miller, Thomas Peterson, Attorney, Mrs. McLiver, recording secretary.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - led by Mr. Lawrence

1.03 Recognition of Visitors

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.01 Agenda - December 11, 2017

2.02 Minutes - November 13, 2017 Work Session, November 20, 2017 Regular Meeting, November 29, 2017 Work Session

2.03 Financial Reports

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$224,321.89

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$124,170.15

2.06 Programs

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals

2.08 Retirement

2.09 Employment and Transfers

2.10 Leave Requests

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12/4/17, Kenley Newbauer, Transition to Teaching Workshop, Valparaiso
12/7/17, Bianca Ash, Band trip to see Wicked, Chicago, IL

Field Trip Requests

12/15/17, FFA to Miller's, Merry Manor, Walkerton - outreach

2.11 Use of Facilities

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was by Mrs. Budka with second by Mrs. Ferch. There was no discussion on any of these items. Motion passed 5-0.

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve NEOLA Policies as follows: 1220, 1521, 2221, 2262, 2623.01, 3121, 3131, 3220.01, 4121, 5200, 5330, 5350, 5460, 5630.01V1, 5730, 6152, 8120, 8121, 8330, 8462, 8600, 8800.

Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Ferch. Dr. Harman pointed out that Policy 1521 is in regards to changes in state law and background checks. The Corporation will now be responsible for conducting background checks on current employees. Twenty percent of current employees will have background checks each year. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Referendum Resolution - Motion was made by Mrs. Budka, second by Mrs. McIntosh. Dr. Harman recommended that the Board of Trustees approve for a tax levy referendum to be placed on the ballot for May of 2019. The public question to be submitted to the voters shall be: *For the eight calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall the Oregon-Davis School Corporation impose a property tax rate that does not exceed twenty-nine cents (\$0.290) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property tax levies imposed by the Oregon-Davis School Corporation for the purpose of funding current and future educational and operational expenditures.* Dr. Harman continued with the following statement, "If the twenty-nine cent (\$0.290) property tax rate is approved on May 8, 2018, the total referendum tax levy will not exceed twenty-nine cents (\$0.290). The current referendum tax levy of nineteen cents (\$0.190) will be eliminated and will be replaced by the approved twenty-nine cents (\$0.290) property tax rate. The School Board and I appreciate the community input. The input demonstrated the need for the school corporation to evaluate all cost effective measures involving all operations of the school corporation. With the partnership of the school corporation evaluating all cost saving measures and the taxpayers passing a twenty-nine cent (\$0.290) referendum tax levy, the Oregon-Davis School Corporation will continue to provide the standards of excellence that is valued in the Oregon-Davis community."

Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Request to approve Resolution 06-17 regarding inter-function transfers.

Motion Made by Mrs. McIntosh, second by Mr. Hayes. Mrs. Salazar offered that this is an end of year clean up of accounts. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Request to approve Resolution 07-17 regarding intra-function transfers.

Motion made by Mrs. Budka, Second by Mrs. Ferch. This also is end of year clean-up. Motion passed 5-0.

4.0 Other Business Items

4.01 MOU for SCYC. Dr. Harman wanted to bring to the Board that he had met with Irene from Starke County Youth Club. This is the same agreement that had been in place in the past with the clarification that transportation will be provided at the cost of \$40 per bus per day instead of just \$40.00 per day. The Youth Club does a fantastic job.

4.02 Berg Scholarship update. The Berg Scholarship has officially been transferred from Fifth/Third Bank to the Community Foundation. This will mean more money will be available for scholarships and will eliminate the fees the bank was charging.

5.0 Curriculum

5.01 Report on Curriculum Maps (High School) - at this time Mr. Pletcher, Mrs. Budka, Mr. Carlin, and Ms. Bajgrowicz made their presentation on the process they have been working on in the Jr/Sr High School with curriculum maps and standards. It was a very informative presentation. For example Mrs. Budka has five classes that needed mapped out. Each teacher present has multiple classes that they have or will be mapping out and writing up these plans. The teachers selected the class that was the priority class to complete first and now are working on their other classes. Those priority classes were the classes that have assessments attached to them. The teachers also explained that the plan can change depending on how well the students are learning presented concepts. They are able to see which areas they need to spend more time on and which ones the students have a good understanding. Ms. Bajgrowicz reported that she can already see the progress as students are building on their understanding from concepts previously presented. The Board expressed their appreciation for the work that the teachers are doing to get this in place.

6.0 Informational Agenda Items

6.01 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Dr. Harman passed out to the Board their monthly expenditures spreadsheet. He reminded those present about the music programs next Monday evening, the 18th, starting with the elementary grades 2-4 in the Jr/Sr High School Gym at 5:30, followed by the 5-6, Jr. High and High School program in the cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be January 15, 2018 and will be our annual reorganization meeting. Dr. Harman will be in Indianapolis on Tuesday at a finance seminar. He hopes to bring information back from that. On Friday, Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Salazar will be going with Dr. Harman to a Local Government Finance workshop in Plymouth.

One other item that Dr. Harman will bring to the Board in January is that Pat Wolff will be leaving the corporation at the end of the semester. This has been posted and Mr. Pletcher will be interviewing soon.

Dr. Harman commended the Food Service Department for the good job they do. Recently inspections occurred, there were no issues at the Jr/Sr High School, the elementary only had a light fixture out in the freezer.

Finally he wished everyone an enjoyable and safe Christmas.

Mr. Pletcher mentioned that this Saturday at 5:00 the Drama Club will present "The Grinch." Tuesday Vocational Services will be making a presentation to students which will help them in scheduling for next year. Finally, ISTEP retest took place last week, the earliest date to learn results will be January 22nd.

6.02 Board Member Reports - Board members thanked the teachers for coming and for all of their efforts.

6.03 Staff Member Reports - none

6.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

6.04 Adjournment - Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Budka made that motion, second was by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Kurt Hayes, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver