

# **OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Monday, March 18, 2019  
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, March 18, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Susan G. Rowles Board Room of the Administration Building, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

## **1. Meeting Opening**

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- 1.01 Call to Order - by Chris Lawrence
- 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Lawrence
- 1.03 Roll Call - Chris Lawrence, Annette Ferch, Kyle Hinds, Kurt Hayes, Brandie Ecker
- 1.04 Public Comment - None

## **2. Consent Agenda**

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- 2.01 Approval of the Minutes - February 18, 2019
- 2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
  - Appropriation Report
  - Fund Report
  - Revenue Report
  - Deduction Checks Posting Reports for 2/15/19 and 3/1/19
  - Vendor Claims 2/15/19, \$77,450.89
  - Vendor Claims 2/28/19, \$266,909.78
  - Payroll Claims 3/1/19, \$119,190.42
- 2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests
  - Professional Leave
    - 2/22/19, Bianca Ash, Purdue University tour and Stomp
    - 2/22/19, Jeff Messer, NIESC Procurement Meeting, Plymouth
    - 3/8/19, Kenley Newbauer, Prof Deve at OD
    - 3/14/19, Jeff Messer, NIESC Procurement Meeting, Plymouth
    - 3/18-20/19, Jami McDaniel, Kay Marsh, Bill Bennett, Jesiah Clemons, PowerSchool Training, Michigan City
  - Facility Use
    - 6/3-6/27, Starke County Youth Club, Rooms 126,127, library, cafeteria, gymnasium and pool, from 8 - 12

#### Field Trips

Varied Dates, Yearbook staff to sale ads in surrounding communities

4/10/19, Math Club to participate in tournament at Valparaiso

5/3/19, Art class to travel to Art Institute Museum in Chicago

#### Fundraisers

3/8/19, Baseball team selling candy bars

3/13/19, Track Team selling candy bars

3/8/19, Elementary Student Council taking donations for Heavenly Hats

3/10/19, Paddle Party to support senior trip

5/6/19, Relay for Life

5/10/19, Spring Dance for 6-8th grade for help fund yearbook

### 2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

#### New Hires and realignments

Dawn Lawrence, Varsity Track Coach

Janet Berkin, full-time bus driver

Bayli Czarnecki, substitute food service

#### Resignations

Chris Matthys, Jr/Sr High School Principal

#### Retirement

April Max

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was by Mr. Hayes with second by Mrs. Ferch.

Dr. Harman mentioned that Jami McDaniels, Kay Marsh, Mr. Bennett and Jesiah Clemons are attending PowerSchool Training this week. Dr. Harman also wanted to point out the field trips that Mr. Eskridge is taking to the Art Institute and Mr. Pinkham is taking to Valparaiso. He also noted that SCYC will be using the facilities again for summer youth club.

Janet Berkins has been hired as a full-time bus driver.

Dr. Harman noted that April Max will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Motion passed 5-0.

### **3. Discussion/Action Items**

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3.01 Recommendation for the approval of the 2019 Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) summer program.

Ms. Ecker made a motion to discuss and hear a presentation, Mr. Hayes seconded this motion. Dr. Harman recommended to approve the SAE summer program. Mr. Carlin will lead this as our FFA sponsor. Mr. Carlin's salary will be paid by the summer school reimbursement grant program, and his benefits and mileage will be paid by the school out of the education fund. Mr. Carlin will not be paid until a recommendation for payment is presented to the Board. The rate

of pay has been increased from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per hour per the Master Teacher's Agreement. In the past we have had around 20-25 students participate. Mr. Lawrence then asked for a motion on the agenda item. Ms. Ecker made that motion, Mr. Hayes seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

### 3.02 Recommendation for the approval of the 2019 Summer School Program

Motion to approve 2019 Summer School Program was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mrs. Ferch. The program is very similar to what has been done in the past. It is held at the end of July for two weeks. The rate of pay for paras was increased. This is all reimbursed costs for payment. Motion passed 5-0.

## **4. Other Business Items**

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4.01 Report of Food Service Program Mr. Messer was in attendance to report. Dr. Harman noted that great strides have been made in the budget since he started. Dr. Harman, Mr. Messer and Mrs Salazar meet every month to discuss food service. They are projecting that the food service department will be out of the red and in the black by the end of this school year. Time was then turned over to Mr. Messer for his presentation. Mr. Messer said that part of this improvement has been from running split shifts at both schools. Mr. Hinds asked about the alternative lunch served when a students account goes over \$5.00 negative. Mr. Messer said it is very rare that it is offered. Alternative lunch is a PBJ, a milk, juice, fruit. The alternative if they are allergic to peanut butter is a cheese sandwich with salad dressing on it. Negative notices come out of the schools and Mr. Messer makes calls. The question was asked why different meals are served at each school. Mr. Messer answered that they eat differently at the elementary. The elementary is serve only, they do not have choices. Mr. Hinds was asking about eliminating the policy regarding negative balances and alternative lunch. The NEOLA representative will be consulted on the requested changes.

## **5. Curriculum**

5.01 Report on the Music Program- Dr. Harman reported on the music program. Mrs. Ohime could not make it but sent an email to Dr. Harman which he read. There are 26 students in the fifth grade band, 11 in sixth grade band sixteen in Jr. High and 13 High School. They were able through grant money to clean and repair instruments in the band department to be used by students whose families could not afford to purchase instruments. They purchased some new equipment and instruments. Also there were students that attended solo and ensemble competition. Seven students brought home first place and another student selected music from the hardest category and just missed first place by one point. Last month the students traveled to Purdue University, took a tour of the campus and enjoyed a performance by Stomp. This was possible by the boosters and through fund raisers. Recently five students started taking lessons from Richard Watson, instructor of low brass at Valparaiso University. Last month they were able to hold a flute clinic for students. Dr. Cate Hummel a professor of flute at the University of St. Francis in Chicago came and worked with five flutists. Next month they are hoping to have members of the South Shore Brass Band do a clinic with all of our band students at each of their levels and do a performance for the elementary. Mrs. Ohime is working hard to recruit members, build up the program and develop excitement and ownership. While it will be several years before we will be able to truly see the fruit of this, we are on an exciting path of growth. She extended an invitation to all to the last concert of the season where the art department will

be joining them on May 8 at 6 pm. She expressed her appreciation for the support she has received.

## **6. Reports**

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6.01 Superintendent Reports - Dr. Harman passed out his snapshot of the budget to Board Members. Summer project planning is underway. Mr Hinds asked about the fuel expenses. Dr. Harman passed out the January statement. Mr. Lawrence asked if the gas busses are saving the corporation money. The savings have been realized in the repairs, the gas engines are much simpler. PTA will have a meeting on April 3, everyone is welcome. They will be going on a tour of the elementary playgrounds. That seems to be one of the PTA goals for the future to purchase new playground equipment. Dr. Harman will also be talking to them about e learning days and getting their input on the school day start time. The Jr/Sr High School FACS department is having a chili cook off that the Board is welcome to attend. A couple of success stories: 1:There were 12 swimmers at open swim last week. Dr. Harman wanted to thank Mr. Ash for leading that charge and supervising. 2)Dr. Harman brought a go bag to show the board. These were purchased through a grant. There is one for every classroom. Teachers will be trained that when they leave the classroom they are to grab that bag. At the high school and elementary level, rosters are included in the bags. Dr. Harman wanted to commend Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kohles for the leadership they have shown in school safety.

6.02 Principal's Reports - No reports

## **7. Board Comments**

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Mr. Hayes asked about fund raisers. It was explained that whatever organization has the fundraiser, the funds go into their account. For example if the baseball team has a fundraiser it goes into their account not the general athletic account.

Mrs. Ferch reported on the Legislative Meeting she attended. She had breakfast with Sen. Linda Rogers from Elkhart and discussed matters with her for about 40 minutes. She is on the Education Ways and Means Committee. She said there was a panel discussion about teacher pay that was very interesting. She said it was a very enjoyable and informative day.

Mr. Lawrence mentioned that he did have candy bars to sell.

## **8. Future Meetings**

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The next School Board Meeting will be on April 15, 2019

## **9. Adjournment**

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Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ferch made that motion and Mr. Hinds seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.