

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, April 15, 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, April 15, 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

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

2. Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to add two items to agenda. Motion made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

- 2.01 Approval of the Minutes
- 2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
- 2.03 Approval of Travel, Facility Requests, Fundraisers, and Donations

Professional Leave Requests

4/11-4/16/19, Bianca Ash and Michael Siwy, Orlando, FL, Senior Trip
4/23/19, 1/2 day AM only, Maggie Vogel, Insurance Meeting, Valparaiso
5/3/19, Joe Eskridge, Field trip to Art Institute in Chicago

Facility Use

3/19, 4/9, 5/7, 5/22 Whiz Blue Ribbon 4H Club, Jr/Sr High School Library 6 - 7 pm
4/6/19, Cub Scout Pack 235, Elementary Cafeteria 9am - 4pm
6/10-7/18, Autism Resources of Marshall County, Elementary classrooms and swimming pool 8 am - 2 pm

Field Trip Applications

5/15, Grade 3 to Fair Oaks Farms

TBD in May after testing, grades 9-12 Albanese Candy Factory, Mr. Carlin's students
TBD in May after testing, grass 10-12, Hoosier Shrimp Farm, Mr. Carlin's students
5/21, Grades 1 and 2 to Hoosier Valley Railroad in North Judson

Fundraisers

2/4-3/3/19, Baseball Team, online clothing sale, for baseball equipment and improve facilities

4/1-4/30/19, Golf Team, Golf Michiana coupon cards, pay team expenses and match entry fees

4/19/19, SADD, a Bowl-a-Thon at Bowl-A-Way Lanes Knox, donate to local charities

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires and realignments

Steve Budka, Varsity Boys Golf Coach

Amanda Egger, Varsity Assistant Track Coach (Running Events)

Matt Lotter, Volunteer Track Coach

Bianca Ash, Junior High Track Coach

Heather Hunter, Elementary Behavioral Intervention Aide

Jackson Green, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach

Dalton Good, Varsity Assistant Track Coach

Betty Noble, Full-time Custodian

Resignations

Tambra Henigsmith, Elementary 2nd shift custodian

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mr. Hayes.

Ms. Ecker had some questions on High Ability Grant for 17-18. She asked if money should be in there still or if it needed to be returned. Dr. Harman answered that certain grants have different timelines of when the money needs to be spent.

The next question was on another High Ability Grant on charges to Teachers Credit Union.

Those charges were for teachers attending AP Conferences.

The final question was in the Appropriations Report regarding the balance totals on the Honors High Ability line and Academic Honors lines. Mrs. Salazar explained that those funds have been set aside to pay items but either a purchase order has not been created or an invoice has not been received to pay yet.

Dr. Harman highlighted a few of the items. The corporation is excited to welcome back Autism Resources to use the facilities this summer. Also the Fair Oaks trip receives assistance from the Farm Bureau. Other exciting field trips coming up are the First and Second Grade going to the the Hoosier Valley Railroad and Mr. Eskridge is taking students to the Art Museum in Chicago.

Motion passed 5-0.

Brandie suggested the golf card fundraiser should contact the area Bar Association because lawyers like to play golf.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to add an additional course offering to the 2019-2020 Course Description Guide

Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Ferch. The courses being added are AP English and Composition. The corporation has a teacher very excited to take the training to teach this course and there are seven or eight students are excited to take the course. Ms. Ecker asked if this course has been offered before. Dr. Harman replied that he did not believe it had been offered before. Mr. Lawrence asked if this would enhance or hurt other courses, and if there is room in the schedule. Dr. Harman said he hoped it would enhance the schedule, it will not take away from anything that is already there.

Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to surplus two modular buildings

Motion made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mrs. Ferch

Dr. Harman is asking for approval for removal of modulars. They have not been in use for several years and they are no longer needed. We would be able to take them off our insurance and it would help with our plans to redesign our playgrounds. Mr. Hinds asked about liability coverage for those removing them. Dr. Harman we would definitely would need to have the individuals provide proof of liability insurance. There has been interest in them from the community.

Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business Items

5. Curriculum

5.01 Recognition of the 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorian - Dr. Harman announced that he originally wanted to have them here to recognize them but they are both on the senior trip. Kennedy Ash is the 2019 Valedictorian, she is the daughter of Jim and Bianca Ash. Our 2019 Salutatorian is Tyler Ailes. Tyler is the son of Doug and Andrea Ailes. They have selected a former teacher to introduce them at graduation. Dr. Harman congratulated Kennedy and Tyler on their accomplishments.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports - The next Board Meeting will be May 13, 2019 so as not to conflict with the IASBO Spring Regional Meeting in Plymouth. Dr. Harman needs rsvp to make reservations. This month's snapshot was passed out to the Board. As the transitioning is occurring with Education Fund and Operations Fund, Mrs. Salazar is still dividing out items under the operations fund so they can be tracked. Dr. Harman is still using the guide of 8% expenditures. The section in red shows that the corporation is doing a pretty good job of staying in those guidelines. If there are additional questions, do not hesitate to email Dr. Harman and the other board members and he will get those questions answered. Dr. Harman met with the

PTA recently and talked informally with the parents there about e-learning days. The parents there really liked the idea of leaving the calendar as is and if all make up days are used then going to e-learning days. Dr. Harman will do some more research and bring this back to the board in a more formal presentation. He also talked with these parents about having a little later start time for school. Those present were all in favor of that. Dr. Harman is going to do some research and bring a possible schedule to the Board. Elementary needs to be in session 5 hours and high school is 6 hours of instructional minutes. We received a very nice thank you card from Leona Bridges and a letter from Eastern Pulaski Schools for the contribution made to them in honor of their student that passed in a bus accident. Dr. Harman had a couple of success stories. Dr. Harman has had some texts regarding the senior trip, they are having a great time, some sunburn, students are being kept so busy they are tired. That has been a great trip. Teacher Appreciation week, which Dr. Harman calls Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10 and there will be some different activities scheduled that week. FFA week was great, there was a convocation that recognized all the clubs. Drama Club had a production last Friday, it was middle school driven and the students did a wonderful job. They had great attendance and a huge thank you to Alivia Jensen and Anthony Hutchinson who did a great job.

6.02 Principal's Reports - Elementary is very busy preparing for ILearn. Dr. Harman met with Jr.Sr High School staff today to discuss ILearn.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Hinds talked about stop arm violations. He talked to Officer Kohles and some bus drivers and learned that is happening probably more frequently than you would think. Some drivers said maybe once a week they have someone that is close to that violation. He did some research and was reading about a company that produces stop arms that extend 6 1/2 feet from the bus. Other states are having success with this. He said he reached out to one company to ask about them and they said one problem that the state school bus specifications say it may be obstructing traffic in the opposite lane. But the company's argument is that it would not be obstructing traffic that is illegally moving in the opposite lane. So he sent an email to Jim Pressel asking about this issue but has not received a response yet. Cameras are great for enforcing violations when they occur but they do very little for preventing the violation. Our drivers have been instructed that if someone passes them with their stop arm out they are to stop as soon as they safely can and record as much information as they can about the vehicle, location and call 911. The county will be doing what they can to try to find the violators.

Ms. Ecker said there has been a lot of press lately about school safety training and she asked if we were shooting our teachers with rubber bullets and the answer was no. Officer Kohles has a nerf gun with nerf balls for training.

8. Future Meetings

May 13, 2019

9. Adjournment

Public Comment was allowed at this time. One patron brought up a personnel issue. Mr. Lawrence said personnel issues cannot be discussed in public meetings. Dr. Harman said he

will be contacting to meet with each parent this week. Mr. Lawrence asked the public to contact him if they do not get satisfaction with the superintendent.

Mr. Lawrence commented that he has been in touch with the Hamlet Board President and he liked how Dr. Harman handles board meetings. Their meetings are the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Mr. Nagai asked if there is a plan to address enrollment. He said there is nothing showing in the agenda and minutes. He said he had an angry phone call about taxes and that another referendum is not in the works, there would be opposition next time. Mr. Hayes said his farm taxes are down. Also he mentioned that Knox Fertilizer donated materials to the school and he asked that a thank you be sent. He encouraged the school to find someone that could be licensed to get their applicator's license for the fertilizer, etc.

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion of adjournment. Mrs. Ferch made that motion, second was by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM.