

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, February 17, 2020
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

Humanities Room, Jr/Sr High School, 5990 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, February 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – by Annette Ferch

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Roll Call – Annette Ferch, Brandie Ecker, Kyle Hinds, Kurt Hayes, absent: Chris Lawrence

1.04 Public Comment – Angie Cripe introduced herself and her background in softball. She talked to the Board about the possibility of starting a girls' softball team at the school. She noted that in the audience were many of the girls that have shown an interest in softball. She is interested in starting a program not for just this year but one that continues. She is also interested in getting younger girls started as a feeder program for the high school program. She has done some research on costs per girl and has a local person interested in helping with a fundraiser. Scott Green is the current baseball coach. The last couple of years he has had girls interested in playing. He said the baseball program will help with anything they need. He loves this school and would love to see this program started. Lee Nagai also offered his support of the softball program. He also wanted to thank the board for allowing the third-grade girls gym time for their basketball program. He also informed them that Farm Bureau has a program for teachers for the STEM program for resources for the teachers. He will send the information to the superintendent. John Fockler, another patron, said he is a member of local union 172 and said all it would take is a letter from the school for their hall to make a donation to support the start of a softball program.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – January 13, 2020

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Report, 1/3/20, 2/17/20, 1/31/20

Vendor Claims \$402,177.50

Payroll Claims \$429,110.48

2.03 Approval of Travel, Facility Requests, Fundraisers, and Donations

Professional Leave Requests

1/21/20, Kathy Roberts, Porter Trust Meeting, Valparaiso

1/22/20, Rhonda Cavinder, Teach Town by JESSE, Argos Elementary

3/16/20, Andrew Carlin, Natl. Council for Ag Educ., Ivy Tech Fort Wayne

3/16/20, Kristin Kubacki, Natl. Council for Ag Educ., Ivy Tech Fort Wayne
4/23-4/28/20, Kay Marsh, Senior Trip, Orlando, Florida
5/4/20, Kathy Roberts, FACS Teacher Spring Conference 2020
6/10/20, Kristin Kubacki, 2020 Ag Business Foundations Brief Case, Purdue Univ.

Fieldtrips

2/19/20, FACS Adult Roles/Housing Class, Building site in Hamlet
3/6/20, Junior High Band to Notre Dame and Morris Center, South Bend
4/23-28/2020, Senior Class to Orlando, Florida for Senior Trip
5/1/20, Junior High Band to WMU for tour and performance, Kalamazoo, MI

Facility Requests

3/15/20, Band Boosters, High School Cafeteria
6/13/20, Alumni Association, High School Cafeteria

Fundraisers

2/1-3/1/20, Meat Stick sales at the high school, to fund FFA events
2/24-2/28/20, Teacher Kiss-A-? (TBD), to fund FFA events
3/2-6/20, Discount Cards for fund Band field trips
3/6/20 Heavenly Hat Day at the elementary, donation to Heavenly Hats
3/13/20, MORP Dance, to help fund publication of yearbook
3/15/20, Class of 2020, Paddle Party at Plymouth Moose Lodge, fund senior trip
3/15/20, Band Boosters, Wooden Sign Painting, scholarship funds
8/15-16/20, Escape Room at Starke Co. Fairgrounds, Girls Golf Team, uniforms & equipment

Donations

\$640.00 Anonymous donation to the Boys' Basketball Team in memory of Ron Henigsmith

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Thomas Glennon, Industrial Arts Teacher
Carmen Mills, Special Needs Instructional Assistant (resignation)
Melissa Edwards, Elementary Teacher (resignation)

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Hinds. Ms. Ecker asked for a correction to the January minutes, a zero was left off a year in the enrollment figures discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve Neola Policies as follows: 100, 151.1, 1520, 1520.08, 3120.08, 3220.01, 4120.08, 5111, 5111.01, 5223, 5335, 5600, 5610, 6220, 6230, 6520, 7300, 7440.03, 7530.02, 7540, 7540.02, 7540.04, 8120, 8310, 8400, 8405, 8420, 8455, 8462, 8600

Motion made by Mr. Hinds, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Recommendation for the approval of the 2020-2021 school calendar and 2021-2022 school calendar

Motion made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. E-learning language needs to be added to each of the calendars. The only change is parent/teacher conferences were moved to the beginning of the grading term. Motion passed 4-0.

3.03 Recommendation for the approval of the 2020 Summer School Program

Motion made by Mr. Hinds, second by Ms. Ecker. In elementary and junior high level the focus is on mathematics and language arts. The number of teachers needed will depend on the numbers signed up for summer school. The estimate needs to go to the state so funding can be planned. Compensation is very similar to last year and this would include the Supervised Agricultural Experience. Motion passed 4-0.

3.04 Recommendation for the approval of the 2020 Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) summer program

Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Hinds. Ms. Kubacki will be leading the program this summer and her proposal was included in the Board's packet. Motion passed 4-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve the Student Assistance Program (SAP) agreement with the Otis R. Bowen Center

Motion was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hayes. Representatives from the Bowen Center were present to help explain the program. The SAP is a door way to help all students in the corporation. Motion passed. 4-0.

3.06 Recommendation to approve agreement with APEX Learning

Motion made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. APEX is a digital learning curriculum. The program will be expanding from 25 seats to 50 seats. Students in vocational classes are able to use this if the classes they need do not fit in their schedule. Also students who are behind in their credits can use this program. It is available to the students on evenings and weekends. Students are monitored by Mrs. Awald to make sure they are making progress. Motion passed 4-0.

3.07 Recommendation to add additional courses to the High School Course Description Guide

Motion made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. Additional classes to be added are Advanced Live Science: Foods, Biochemistry Foods, Housing and Interior Design Careers I, Housing and Interior Design Careers II. Mrs. Roberts is qualified to teach these classes. They are to provide a way for students to meet requirements after the state has changed some classes from CTE eligibility and funding. Motion passed 4-0.

3.08 Recommendation to approve 2019 transfers

Motion was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Ms. Ecker. These transfers were to clean up account balances for the end of the year. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Other Business

4.01 Presentation by Tim Pitts of EMCOR. Mr. Pitts talked to the board about the possible HVAC project. He talked about guaranteed savings projects which they do as opposed to hiring an architect and proceeding with a project that way. He also answered questions from the Board.

5. Curriculum

5.01 Report on STEM – Mr. Bennett gave a short summary of STEM, where we have been and where we are this year. There is excitement in the STEM committees. Lisa Glennon has been busy getting her certification. Both buildings have makerspaces. These are designated areas in each schools with supplies where students can go to create things to solve problems.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports: Dr. Harman turned time over to Mr. Miller to present his proposal for softball. Mr. Miller will be reaching out to the school attorney regarding liability with the Koontz Lake field and to do Title IV compliance audit. Currently there are 19 girls that have signed up showing interest. There was discussion among those in attendance. Mr. Miller is looking at a club team for 2020 with volunteer coaches and approximately 10 games and 2021 have one head coach and one assistant and become an IHSAA sanctioned team. Games would be played at Koontz Lake. The team and volunteers would prep the field and mow. There has been some equipment donated to the athletic department. Uniforms and helmets would need to be donated or hold fundraisers to purchase. More information will be forthcoming.

Dr. Harman passed out the monthly snapshot to the Board. It was noted that some expenses were at 10% due to January being a three-payroll month. \$60,500 was taken from the Rainy-Day fund to make the last payment on the teacher sick day buy out.

E-learning days were held last Thursday and Friday due to absences running 14-15% and 3 to 4 bus drivers fighting illness.

ADM for February 3 was 510 up 10 from September.

Food Service ended December in the black. Most or all of last year food service ran in the red.

Dr. Harman will provide the Board with 2 quotes for purchasing a bus. The corporation did not purchase a bus last year. In 2017 one was purchased for \$88,000 roughly, in 2018 one was purchased for \$96,000. In March Dr. Harman will bring a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Hinds asked if they could have an inventory and cost of maintenance for the oldest buses for last year.

Dr. Harman then showed pictures of the elementary entrance security doors that has been completed.

Dr. Harman informed the Board that the Narcan on hand had expired. The school has secured 6 new doses of Narcan through a grant.

Dr. Harman said a work session is being planned for the Board to discuss strategic planning, enrollment and curriculum. If April 4 or 18 would work, please let Dr. Harman know.

Dr. Harman received an email from a parent from a visiting school praising the pep band. Freshman Vivian Turner broke the school record in the 100 free style. One of our Junior boys placed second in welding and will move on to state.

6.02 Principal's Reports – High School Highlights: FFA week will be the week of February 24th. Girls Basketball had a great game Saturday, even though they did not advance. Boys have a game Saturday, a home game on Tuesday next week and the Knox game on Thursday which will be senior night. Mr. Carlin is not in attendance because he was in Indianapolis today receiving school safety specialist training.

Mr. Bennett just wanted to add that the entry way looks great. Kindergarten round up is less than a month away. This will be Wednesday, March 4, starting at 5:30 until 7:00 pm CST. Similar to last year the teachers will have an activity and presentation from 6-7 pm. This year students must be 5 on or before October 1st for Kindergarten. He offered all staff a big thank you for everyone that stepped in and helped where needed while handling all the illness that has been going through the school.

7. Board Comments

Ms. Ecker praised the girls basketball team saying they played an amazing game. Mr. Hinds asked about having individual sports items sent to WKVI. Mrs. Ferch commented that the past Tuesday she attended the ISBA Statehouse Day and was able to talk with our local legislators as they went over bills that concern education matters.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: March 16, 2020

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion of adjournment. Ms. Ecker made that motion and Mrs. Ferch declared the meeting adjourned. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.