

# **OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Reorganizational 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 a Special Session on Tuesday evening, at 6:30 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

## **1. Meeting Opening**

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1.01 Call to Order – Chris Lawrence

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Chris Lawrence

1.03 Roll Call – Brandie Ecker, Chris Lawrence, Kyle Hinds, Ben Lady, Lee Nagai

1.04 Public Comment - none

## **2. Discussion/Action Items**

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2.01 Oath of Office – administered by Mr. William Kaminski, school attorney, to Ben Lady and Lee Nagai

2.02 Reorganization of the School Board

1. President – Mr. Lady nominated Mr. Hinds. Mr. Nagai seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Vice-President – Mr. Lady nominated Ms. Ecker. Mr. Nagai seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Secretary – Mr. Nagai nominated Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Treasurer of the Corporation – Mr. Bennett recommended appointing Nicole L. Salazar as Treasurer and Brenda Miller as Assistant Treasurer for the Oregon-Davis School Corporation. Mr. Nagai made that motion with Ms. Ecker seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Attorney for the Corporation – Mr. Bennett recommended retaining Newby, Lewis, Kaminski and Jones Law Firm as legal counsel with Mr. William S. Kaminski serving as corporation attorney. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Representative to serve on the JESSE and Vocational Education Board – Mr. Bennett recommended allowing an administrator to serve on this board. In the past it has been the Superintendent who has been appointed to serve in this capacity. Motion to appoint Mr. Bennett to serve on the JESSE and Vocational Education Board was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

7. Recording Secretary for Board Meetings – Mr. Bennett recommend appointing Julie McLiver, the Corporation Central Office Secretary to serve as recording secretary for school board meetings. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

8. School Board Meeting Dates – Mr. Bennett recommended establishing the third Monday of each month as the Regular School Board Meeting Date with the option to call Special School Board Meetings whenever needed as determined by the Board President or the Superintendent of Schools. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

9. School Board Times – Mr. Bennett recommended establishing 6:30 p.m. (local time) as the time for meeting in Regular School Board Meetings with the option to make adjustments for such things as time change, executive sessions, special meetings, etc. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Salaries for School Board Members. Mr. Bennett recommended continuing to pay school board members a stipend of \$1000 per year and \$50 per meeting based upon attendance with half payable on or around December 31<sup>st</sup> and half payable on or around June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nagai moved to table this action, second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Ecker opposing this action. It was determined this recommendation will be discussed at an upcoming work session.

11. Salary for School Board Attorney – Mr. Bennett recommended continuing to pay Mr. William Kaminski a retainer fee of \$19,500 per year as per inclusions and exclusions which were adopted with December 17, 1991 resolution and allow up to \$1000 additional for professional in-services and conferences which deal specifically with education and current laws dealing with education. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Lady in opposition.

12. Designate Newspaper for Publication Notices – Mr. Bennett recommended designating the Starke County Leader newspaper for the publication of notices as per I.C. 5-3-1.4. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Discussion involved other papers in the county if there other papers of circulation available. Mr. Kaminski recommended passing this motion and he will look into other forms to see if they would qualify. Other ways to inform the public include the website and other social media. Motion passed 5-0.

### **3. Adjournment**

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Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 PM.