

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, May 24, 2021

Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 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, May 24, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Kyle Hinds, Mr. Hinds asked for a moment of silent prayer for Kayla Borton and family for the loss of their son, Case.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Kyle Hinds

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

1.04 Public Comment – presentation by Lisa Dan, Executive Director of Starke County Economic Development

Mrs. Nagai from the Starke County Farm Bureau presented a \$1000.00 check to the Elementary school to fund the fieldtrip to Fair Oaks Farm.

2. Consent Agenda

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to add Item 2.03 Fundraiser for Kayla Borton (The Just in Case Foundation), \$1000 donation by the Starke County Farm Bureau and 2.04 resignation of Mr. Carrasco. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Report, 4/30/21, 5/14/21

Vendor Claims 4/30/21, 5/24/21

Payroll Claims 4/30/21, 5/14/21

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

Professional Leave

5/10/21. Jeff Messer, NIESC Procurement meeting

Field Trips

Facility Use

6/124-7/1/21, SCYC, Rooms 126 & 127, gym & cafeteria for summer enrichment

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Fundraisers

6/11/21, Kayla Borton- The Just in Case Foundation

Donations

\$1000 donation from Starke County Farm Bureau

50 TI-30XII scientific calculators and 10 TI-84 Plus graphing calculators to the Jr/Sr High School from alumni Bryan Cecrle

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Vincenzo Carrasco

New Hires/Assignments

David Pinkham, Varsity Head Girls' Golf Coach

Jessie Danford, Varsity Head Volleyball Coach

Kristin Hinds, Todd Briles, Kortney Niswander, Jump Start Teachers

Debbie Wringer, Jack Minter, Brandy Garland, Summer School Paraprofessionals

Kortney Niswander, Elementary Teacher

Mr. Hinds asked Mr. Bennett for any comments. Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. Cecrle for the donation of the calculators. He also reported that the field trip went very well the students were well-behaved and had a good time.

He also mentioned that Mrs. Niswander finished her student teaching in April and has been covering for Mrs. VanVolkenburg' maternity leave and believes she will be a good addition to the elementary staff.

He also touched on the fundraiser for Mrs. Borton on June 11th. This will be a BBQ ribeye dinner from 4-7. Patrons will be able to eat on school grounds or drive thru.

Motion to approve consent agenda with corrections to the April 26, 2021, minutes was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to add Item 3.05 to the Discussion/Action Items. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Hinds asked to act on Item 3.05 before the rest of the items.

3.05 Recommendations for Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach and recommendation for Assistant Varsity/Head JV Girls' Basketball Coach

Motion to pass was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Lady abstaining.

3.01 Recommendation to approve renewal of CD at First National Bank of Monterey at .40% interest rate.

Motion was made to invest \$200,000 in a 6 month CD with First National Bank of Monterey with Nicole Salazar acting as executor of the CD and had the authority to sign and act on Oregon-Davis accounts. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to adopt the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Reading Series, Into Reading

This adoption will cover the next six years. New consumables will be provided to students each year under this adoption. There will also be a digital version available if the need arises. Motion made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to post a Director of Student Services and Operations for the 21-22 School Year

This position would be based at the high school and some of the functions would be to mentor junior high students, and oversee transportation and maintenance to free up the superintendent up so his focus can be on curriculum and the schools. The pay rate would not exceed the principal base pay and would be based on experience. Administration experience is preferred but a license is not necessarily required. Funding for this position for the next three years would come out of a grant. This would be an administrator contract.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve the Oregon-Davis High School Course Description Guide for The 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Hensley explained that the biggest changes in this guide were to the applied credits/IEP for students that are on a non-diploma track. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

5.01 Mrs. Awald and Ms. Hensley made a very informative presentation on the Next Levels Pathways program and how our curriculum fits into this program..

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Mr. Bennett thanked the senior class sponsors and staff for the Senior Walk that was organized at the elementary and led by the band.

Esser II application was approved last Friday. It was approved for \$460,000.00. We received Esser III information today which is for \$1,050,000.00. We will have to update our back-to-school plan and guidance for this. It does have to be briefly opened for comment and then board approval so that will take place at the June meeting. With that there is 20% set aside for research based, evidence-based interventions, remediation programs, enrichment programs which we did have in in Esser II. For next year we have approved remediation and enrichment programs for a good portion of the year in addition to having an activity school bus so that when those students are done with their enrichment there will be a bus to take them home. The purpose of the bus would also be for any junior high or elementary practices after school, we would time those practices to let out and be able to use that activity bus too. In addition, we wrote into Esser II a study coach to help athletes or anyone in extracurriculars that are falling behind.

Reminder graduation is June 5th at 10am on the soccer field, weather permitting.

We did sign up for a booth at the fair. Fair is July 12 – 19. Mr. Bennett will be sending out a sign-up sheet soon.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Ms. Quinn thanked the Board for coming to sixth grade celebration. The Just in Case Benefit is a foundation that Mrs. Borton is starting. She wants to be able to provide parents with the owl socks to alert parents to a problem and have them obtain CPR training. Mrs. Hinds and Mrs. Glennon are heading this up along with Mrs. Bachert.

Mini relay for life was this past Friday. Between \$1000-1500 was raised. Mrs. Salyer puts a lot of work and effort into this to educate students and make it a fun time for them.

Field Day is Tuesday, May 25 and there will be water activities.

Donations made for the Starke County Youth Club from the staff came to almost \$650.00!

Mrs. Awald – Mrs. Kubacki offered FFA students and National Honor Society to help at the benefit fundraiser. The High School office has been working on end of the year items and instructional fees. There are three finals on Tuesday. The Board is invited to graduation and if they are attending Mrs. Awald would like them to come at 9:30. Staff is invited and encouraged to attend. Junior High National Honor Society will look at two inductions next school year to get it started.

Mr. Bennett mentioned how nice the Honors program was for the Jr/ Sr High School and the Elementary.

Mr. Clemons has been in contact with Daktronics and in the next two weeks they will send out a technician and a sales rep to check out our touchpads and see what the next step would be and will give us an idea on the cost to get things up and running.

We are getting close to 40 children for pre-school. There is a good chance we will need to use two classrooms.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai shared that Hamlet Lions still have the water found that they would like to get installed this summer. Lions also have funding available to sponsor snacks for enrichment next year.

Ms. Ecker asked about the possibility of a community wide vaccine clinic for students. Mrs. Huitt has been working with the Starke County Health Dept, on a clinic in June for those 16 and up. She is also working with HealthLinc to have their mobile unit here for registration for physicals and possibly vaccines.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: June 28, 2021, Mr. Hinds asked Board Members to watch their emails in case another meeting is scheduled in June.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to adjourn Ms. Ecker made that motion and Mr. Nagai seconded that motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Christopher Lawrence, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver