

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, January 10, 2022
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, January 10, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order by President Kyle Hinds

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Hinds

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

1.04 Public Comment - none

1.05 Reorganization of the School Board

Mr. Nagai nominated Kyle Hinds to serve as President of the Oregon-Davis School Board. Ms. Ecker seconded the nomination. Mr. Nagai made a motion to close the nominations Mr. Lady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lawrence nominated Brandie Ecker to serve as Vice-President of the Oregon-Davis School Board, second was made by Mr. Lady. Mr. Nagai moved to close the nominations and Ms. Ecker seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lawrence nominated Ben Lady to serve as Secretary of the Oregon-Davis School Board, Ms. Ecker seconded the nomination. Mr. Nagai made a motion to close the nominations, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nagai made a motion to recommend appointing Nicole L. Salazar as Treasurer and Brenda Miller as Assistant Treasurer for the Oregon-Davis School Corporation. Ms. Ecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nagai moved to table the recommendation to retain Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones Law Firm as legal counsel for the corporation with Mr. William S. Kaminski serving as corporation attorney. The motion died for lack of second. Mr. Lawrence made the motion to retain with Ms. Ecker seconding the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Nagai opposed.

Mr. Nagai made a motion for the superintendent to serve on the JESSE and Vocational Education Boards with Ms. Ecker seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nagai made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Julie McLiver as recording secretary for school board meetings. Mr. Lady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Ecker made a motion to approve the recommendation to establish the fourth 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. Mr. Nagai seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nagai made a motion to establish 6:00 pm (local time) as the time for meeting in Regular School Board Meetings, with the option to adjust for such things as time change, executive sessions, special meetings, etc. Ms. Ecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Nagai made the motion to continue 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 and half payable on or around June 30th. Second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lawrence made the motion to continue 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 \$1,000 additional for professional in-services and conferences which deal specifically with education and current laws dealing with education. Ms. Ecker seconded the motion. Mr. Nagai commented that he did not like having the fee paid up front all at once.

Mr. Hinds did not have any concerns with this. Mr. Lawrence stated he is happy with the services we have received. Mr. Bennett said he has not had any issues but was disappointed with the assistance on the RFP. Mr. Hinds called for a vote. Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Lady and Mr. Nagai opposing.

Mr. Nagai made the motion to approve designating the Starke County Leader newspaper for the publication of notices (as per I.C. 5-3-1.4) Ms. Ecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

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

Professional Leave

1-18-22, David Pinkham, Porter Trust Meeting, Valparaiso

1-13 & 14-22, Kristin Kubacki, Winter Workshop for Ag Teachers, Trafalgar, IN

1-25-22, Kathy Roberts, Fashion Field Trip

Facility Use

Fundraisers

1-29 thru 2-26-22, Basketball Camp

2-1 thru 2-11-22, Elementary Student Council, Carnation Sales, for student incentives

2/11/22, NHS, 50/50, silent auction, valentine treats, funds to Cheryl Lynn Welter Family Charitable Foundation

2/25/21, Yearbook and Jr. High, Winter Dance, proceeds to publish yearbook

Donations

Farm Fertilizer Donation for Playground, \$20,000.00

Mitch Semans Donation to FFA \$1000.00

Kerry/Jason Bradway to FFA \$50.00

Farm Fertilizer to FFA \$300.00

Starke Co. Farm Bureau Coop to FFA \$300.00

Hamlet Methodist Church donated hats and gloves to help keep our students warm

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Assignments/Hires

Dean Corey, Study Table Coach

The meeting then moved on to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bennett noted that on February 11th at the Boys Basketball Game between Knox and OD there will be a fundraiser to help the Cheryl Lynn Welter Family Charitable Foundation. This foundation does a great deal of good in the county and many teachers in our system have benefited from the grants they have received. This is an effort by Becky Pflugshaupt to help them in return.

Mr. Bennett also noted that again we have a very great community that donates to the school and he pointed out that Farm Fertilizer has given a generous donation to our playground fund and wished to thank them publicly for their support.

Mr. Nagai made a motion to approve the consent agenda with Ms. Ecker seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve appointment of Heather Quinn to Library Board Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai and the second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Adjournment

There were no Board comments other than Mr. Hinds went back to the topic of the attorney retention. He felt that if it isn't broke, don't fix it. He stated that Mr. Kaminski has been very responsive to him. Mr. Hinds then called for a motion of adjournment. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai and seconded by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:24 pm.