

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
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 a Regular Session on Wednesday evening, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Ben Lady

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Ben Lady

1.03 Roll Call – Ben Lady, Lee Nagai, Kyle Hinds, Terry Minix, Absent: Kurt Hayes

1.04 Public Comment

At this time Mr. Lady asked to move Item 5.01 to the start of the meeting and turned the time over to Mr. Veger. Mr. Veger gave a brief overview of the Robotics program which is new this year. He had applied for a grant through TechPoint and received that which paid their membership fees. He has 2 students participating and they demonstrated for the audience what they do in the robotics competitions. Saturday is the last Vex competition. In April they will be attending the SkillsUSA competition.

After Mr. Veger's presentation Mr. Lady turned the time over to Brett Lackey and Sandra Flum for an update on the US 30 Corridor PEL study. After an explanation that the study is two-year study and it is to develop the purpose and need for the improvements for US 30, the audience had the opportunity to ask questions. They both encouraged the public to give their honest opinions on what would be best for the Hamlet area so those concerns can be included in the report at the conclusion of the study. For more information or to express comments and concerns go to www.propelUS30.com.

Mr. Lady asked for a motion to add addendum items under 2.03 to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nagai made that motion and Mr. Hinds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes
1/18/23 Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
1/31/23 Fund Transfer Posting
12/23/22 Deduction Checks Posting Report
1/6/23 Deduction Checks Posting Report
1/20/23 Deduction Checks Posting Report

12/9/22 Payroll Claim Listing
12/23/22 Payroll Claim Listing
1/6/23 Payroll Claim Listing
1/20/23 Payroll Claim Listing
2/3/23 Payroll Claim Listing
1/30/23 Vendor Claim Listing
2/15/23 Vendor Claim Listing

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

Professional Leave

3/22/23, Kathy Roberts, Culinary Class to Fair Oaks Farms
2/27/23, Joseph Veger, CTE meeting @ Knox
4/11-12/23, Cheryl Minix/Heather Quinn, Title Conf. Plainfield, IN

Field Trips

Grade 9-12, 2/21/23 Girls Basketball Players to Butler Univ, tour facilities, view college-level Program and run some drills
Grade 11, 2/9/23 Prom Committee to meet w/event coordinator at The Barns at Nappanee
Grade 1, 5/11/23, Dutch Creek Farm Animal Park
Grade 5, 5/9/23, PHM Planetarium and Potato Creek State Park
2/7/23, FFA members to WKVI to be interviewed, see note on form.
2/21-2/23/23, Grades 9-12 Mrs. Gillard's students, Senate Pages, Indianapolis

Facility Use

3/26/23, Junior Parents, cafeteria from 8 am to 4 pm

Fundraisers

4/17-21/23, Drama Club, \$1 Dress up days all week, fund future Drama Club events
3/10/23, Junior Class, Spaghetti Dinner and Fun Fair to fund prom
2/15-2/28/23, FFA apparel sales, pay entry fees for livestock judging
3/7, 3/9, 3/14, 3/16, 3/21, 3/23, Girls Basketball, Future Stars Camp, fee to pay for Shirts and medals
3/14/23, National Jr. Honor Society, Bingo, raise money to do art activity with senior citizens
2/15-3/3/23, Online Strawberry Sales for student incentives
2/20/23, Online OD Apparel Sale for staff/office account

Donations

\$100 to 2023 Yearbook from Mitchell Semans

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

Sarah Gillard, JH Track Coach
Lon Sherland, Custodian

Resignations

Brandy Garland

Mr. Lady asked Mr. Bennett for comments on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Bennett highlighted that Sarah Gillard will be taking over the Jr. High Track Coach position this year and that Mr. Lon Sherland has been added as a full-time night custodian at the high school. He also thanked Mr. Mitch Semans for his generous donation to the yearbook fund.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Nagai with Mr. Minix seconding. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Indiana ESC Food Coop Agreement 2023-24

Motion was made by Mr. Minix, second by Mr. Nagai. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Recommendation to Approve Resolution 02-23, to transfer \$240,000.00 from the Education Fund to the Operation Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Other Business

4.01 Brett Lackey from CDM Smith and Sandra Flum from INDOT to discuss the US 30 Corridor PEL Study

5. Curriculum

5.01 Robo Cat

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report – Mr. Bennett started his report by thanking Mrs. Roberts and the Food Science and Culinary students for the Chili Cook off that was held today. It was very good and the students enjoyed it and learned a lot.

The 3M safety film will be installed next week or sooner if possible.

President's Day is Monday and school will not be in session.

Lazarro has finished the shop doors and has two more doors to complete and then the initial door projects will be completed.

We have been having issues with the high school intercomm and have had the Communications Company out to troubleshoot the problems. The elementary system was replaced 7 or 8 years ago and were told the high school system was obsolete then. We are getting quotes from them to see what a new system would cost. It would give more flexibility in using the Centegix system.

Centegix has installed all of the hardware, we think we are three weeks out from training and being online.

Today we had a safety meeting where we discussed the Raptor system. It seems to be working as it should and we have been reviewing handbooks from other schools that have Raptor systems and will be training office staff in the very near future.

Mr. Lonigro and Mr. Bennett met with Tremco and they are willing to come patch the peeling areas and where the domes meet the building under warranty. They will not re-coat yet.

JMA will be coming out on Monday to do some testing.

On Tuesday we will be taking 25 students to the state house to serve as pages. Mr. Bennett will be going and Mrs. Gillard is spearheading this trip. Mr. Miller will be our bus driver and also another chaperone. We will also be taking in a Butler basketball game and visiting some museums before we come back.

6.02 Principal's Report – Ms. Quinn reported that the playground will be shipped the beginning of April.

For the American Heart Association healthy heart challenge. We have 45 students that registered to participate and \$281 has already been raised.

Iread test will be taking place on March 8.

Officer Lonigro and Ms. Quinn have finished their school safety training and the most important thing that can be done for school safety is to keep the doors locked.

Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Minix and Ms. Quinn attended a Title 1 conference and they learned some important helps for the science of reading. They are breaking that down for grades K-6 so that everyone is doing the same thing. Mr. Bennett added that it was nice to go to a national conference in our home state.

Read Across America Week starts on February 27 and there will be some fun activities that week.

The Book Vending Maching is doing fantastic. Ms. Quinn said they have an average of 2 – 3 kids per week that are using the machine. The book vending machine is stocked from the Investment Fund.

Ms. DuVall – The chili cook-off was very organized and awesome.

We took students to the CTE fair in January. Students in 8th, 9th and 10th grade attended for a total of 49 students. After the event students were surveyed on various topics. 67% of 8th graders attended, 27% of our 9th graders and 58% of our 10th graders. As far as what they thought about the event 41% said excellent, 57% said good and 2% said fair. 91% said they would enroll in a CTE program.

Handbooks are being worked on and will be presented this summer. One thing they are diligently working on is the attendance policy. Parents have been called to help and review the policy that is being revised.

Math – NWEA scores are looking somewhat promising

Strawberry Sales will be occuring online, watch for the email with the link.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Minix – expressed his appreciation that we have put in the Centegix program. Oregon-Davis is one of two schools in the state of Indiana that has it and they will be promoting this at the Indiana School Board Association meeting.

Mr. Hinds- asked about CDL bus training. Mr. Bennett will be getting more information about what Mr. Hinds is referring to. Along the same lines Mr. Bennett and Mr. Nagai will be in the first cohort for CDL training through the Scills center and will be bringing some feedback from that experience. Mr. Hinds also asked how often Frozen Friday is held and what the participation rate is. Ms. Quinn said it is every Friday and approximately 80% of students participate. He would like to talk to her after the meeting about Frozen Friday.

Mr. Nagai –Asked about environthon. Ms. DuVall reported that they had no students show up for that program. There was just not the interest in that program. He also asked about the trip to regional council on carpenters meeting. Ms. DuVall will follow-up and see if they will be

attending. Asked for current ADM which is 492. He also asked about yearbook ads as he has not been contacted yet. He asked about the progress on the outside lighting that remains to be completed. Mr. Nava has had some backorder issues, Mr. Bennett will follow up with him. Starke Co. Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding a poster contest coming up and he would like to see our students get involved. Ms. Quinn asked for him to forward the information to her and she will see that Mrs. Moore has it. He also asked about the JESSE status. Mr. Bennett replied they will be meeting again in March and superintendents are still trying to piece this together. The JESSE attorney is working with them to try to hire a qualified director. If they could find a qualified candidate he feels there is a chance they could stay together. At this point Plymouth is the only school that has withdrawn so far. Mr. Nagai asked if the Alumni Dinner is always the second weekend in June. This year's event will be June 10. He asked Ms. DuVall about the projected graduation rate. She does not have the information at this time but will have it for him. The third grade Fair Oaks trip will be the same day as the culinary class. Farm Bureau will once again sponsor this trip. Mr. Nagai asked about the status on the disposition of surplus items. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Lonigro will be working on this on Thursday of this week. He gave a big shout out to Mrs. Gillard for her efforts to get the kids engaged. He asked if we still have open positions. The spanish teacher position is still open. Ms. DuVall has applied for a grant to possibly look at Indiana online for next year. They have also looked at a visa program to see if there are overseas teachers. There is also a community member that worked for the government in Mexico for some time and is currently taking English classes at night so that could be a possibility. Mr. Nagai promoted the 5/6 grade girls basketball games coming up. We will have one of our students, Madison Wireman, that has finished her qualifications and will be one of the officials for the upcoming game.

Mr. Lady – He asked about the playground. We have no details on install until they deliver and schedule the install. Mr. Lady asked about utilization of the greenhouse and said there could be something worked out with Farm Fertilizer for some more utilization with them. He also said he would like to see a work session scheduled to discuss the budget.

Ms. Quinn added that the elementary sold candygrams and made about \$600 profit. The high school sold over 900 carnations for valentine's day.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: March 1, 2023, March 15, 2023

9. Adjournment

Mr. Minix made a motion to adjourn with Mr. Hinds seconding the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.