

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Wednesday, May 3, 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, May 3, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Lee Nagai

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – led by Lee Nagai

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

1.04 Public Comment – None

At this time Mr. Nagai turned the time over for the JMA Presentation. After the presentation, a brief discussion followed concerning the timeline for receiving and opening bids. Future meetings will include Public Bid Opening. Mr. Hinds made a motion to authorize the bid with the option to put the bid open for 30 days and have the opening on June 9. The public opening of the bids will be in a special meeting on June 12 at 6 pm. Mr. Minix seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes
April 19, 2023 Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
Fund Transfer Posting 3/31/23, \$33,281.69
Deduction Checks Posting Report 4/28/23, \$10,391.08.
Payroll Claim Listing 4/21/23, \$143,634.53.
Vendor Claims 4/28/23, \$182,6614.14

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

Professional Leave

4/25/23, Kristin Masten, Goshen, Area X Livestock Judging
5/5/23, Kristen Masten, Prom Set Up @ The Barns, Nappanee
5/12/23, Kristin Masten OD FFA Ag Day at the high school

Field Trips

5/2/23, FFA to Hamlet Fairgrounds for Community Service
5/5/23, Grade 11 students to set up from prom.

Facility Use

Fundraisers

Donations

\$150.00 from Starke County Sheriff's Dept for Skills USA
\$100.00 from Titus Mfg. for Skills USA
\$300.00 from Koontz Lake Assoc. for Junior Class

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

Sonja Fisher, bus driver
Sue Gibson, bus aide
Richard Hernandez, Varsity Softball Coach

Retirements

Resignations

Nathan Cripe, Varsity Softball Coach

Mr. Bennett highlighted the donations and the new hires.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Administrative Stipends for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. Mr. Minix commented that he has no problems with the stipends, he feels the administration is doing an outstanding job but will abstain.

Motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Minix abstaining.

4. Other Business

4.01 The School Board will meet pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-19(a) to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement.

Major updates to the teacher agreement were:

Five percent increase for teacher salary

\$1250 stipend for each employee

Teachers teaching AP/dual credit courses will receive a \$750.00 stipend.

Teachers will receive \$20.00 for each prep period they forfeit to cover class.
No changes were made to the ECA schedule.
Only teachers rated effective or highly effective will be eligible for the raise.

No action was necessary to take at this time. The agreement will be voted on by the board at the next board meeting.

4.02 JMA Presentation

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

6.02 Principals Reports – Principals went first at this meeting. Ms. Duvall reported that they are preparing for Prom this weekend. There will be a mock crash for juniors and seniors. After prom will be hosted at the school from 11 – 1 pm with the theme Casino Night. Teacher Appreciation week will be next week with lots of fun things planned for the teachers. Summer school and jumpstart letters and registration letters will be going out soon. She also reported that Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Lady, and herself met with surrounding area principals and athletic directors to discuss applying for membership of the Hoosier North Athletic Conference. She said we should know by next Wednesday if Oregon-Davis is accepted into the conference.

Ms. Quinn reported that they will be finishing Ilearn on Monday. She also reported on various field trips. Today the second grade went to Science Central in Fort Wayne. Upcoming trips include the fifth grade to the planetarium, first grade to Dutch Creek Farms and Kindergarten to the zoo. Preschool and sixth grade will be having their celebrations on May 24th. Kindergarten will have theirs on May 25th. Field Day will be May 18th and each grade level has been sponsored for a treat from the Kona Ice Truck. The mini relay for life will be May 19th. The science fair will be on the same night as the Art Show and band concert but will be earlier in the evening.

Next week during Teacher Appreciation Week they will have themed days with fun activities planned. Registration packets were sent home and they have already received 25% of them back. Ms. Quinn also reported that they have been Level 3 certified for preschool which will open On My Way PreK funding. She said the entire preschool team worked extremely hard and did whatever was asked of them to meet the qualifications for this certification.

6.01 Superintendent Report – The next Board meeting will be held on May 15 because of a conflict on the 17th with awards and National Honor Society Inductions. Mr. Bennett would like to take two weeks off this summer, one being the third week of June and the other the week of July 4th. Summer meetings could go down to one a month with calling a meeting if necessary. He said with the year winding down he wanted to thank everyone on staff. Staff appreciation will be next week to recognize all staff. Mr. Bennett will do a cookout on Tuesday. Tomorrow he will be at study council with area legislators. Next week he will be meeting on Wednesday with North Judson and Knox superintendents to discuss restructuring Jesse. Next Thursday and Friday Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Salazar are scheduled to attend the IASBO annual conference in Fort Wayne. Mr. Bennett is still searching for school buses and hopes to have some prices tomorrow.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Minix said he has been asked about streaming the board meetings. Mr. Bennett replied that is something that technology is looking into. Mr. Hayes would like to have a discussion at an upcoming meeting on backup plans for when the electricity goes out for communication, etc. so that calls can still come in and go out, along with other essential services.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023. 6:00 PM

9. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Minix, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.