

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, May 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 Monday evening, May 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Mr. Lady

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – led by Mr. Lady

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

1.04 Public Comment – none

Mr. Lady turned the time over to Mrs. Gillard and students for a report on their seventh-grade social studies American Heritage project. Students gave an overview of how they prepared their topics and displayed posters they had created to go along with their projects.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes
May 3, 2023

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
Fund Transfer Report 5/3/23
Vendor Claims 5/15/23.

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

Professional Leave

Field Trips

Facility Use

Fundraisers

Donations

\$500 from Kyle Hinds for Elementary Frozen Friday (Student Incentives)

\$240 anonymous donation for the elementary school

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

Kody Lowery, Jr/Sr High School English Teacher

Retirements

Resignations

Teresa Magana, cafeteria

Mr. Bennett highlighted the donations and asked Ms. DuVall to introduce Mr. Lowery.

Mr. Lady asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nagai made the motion with Mr. Hayes seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve the 2022-2023 Master Teacher Agreement

Mr. Bennett pointed out the major highlights as a 5% increase on the salary placement table, in addition to a one-time stipend of \$1250. In addition, teachers will be compensated at a rate of \$20 for every class period covered, as well as a \$750 stipend for teaching AP and Dual Credit Classes.

Mr. Minix made a motion to approve with Mr. Hinds seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve the Food Service Director Agreement

This agreement is with NIESC. On paper our Food Service Director is Jami McDaniel. The agreement helps with compliance and training issues. We also use NIESC's dietician. We are awaiting word to see if a grant which was applied for is approved which would give free breakfast and lunch to all students for the next three years.

The motion to approve this recommendation was made by Mr. Hinds, second was by Mr. Nagai. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve the agreement with Go Solutions Group, Inc.

This contract is for assistance with Medicaid billing necessary for some of the services some of our students have access to. Next year will be the third year of this contract. There are three tiers of with Oregon-Davis accessing the middle tier. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai with Mr. Hayes seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

5.01 Jr/Sr High School Course Description Guide – this was included for the board to review. It will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report – Mr. Bennett reported that a registration meeting was held today to plan for this summer's registration. Registration will look different this next year with no instructional fees being charged to parents. Vocational and AP courses may still have fees, but he is exploring if they could use grant funds to cover those fees. July 25 will be registration in both buildings from 10 – 6 pm.

6.02 Principals Reports – Ms. DuVall touched on the Course Description Guide and the school to work application. There are many applicants for this program next year and they need to put in some concrete deadlines and expectations.

There are twenty-eight seniors in the graduating class with six seniors earning fifteen or more dual credits this year. Interest in CTE classes had increased with numbers overall up and OD's numbers higher also. Currently there is a waiting list for welding and aviation. Testing has finished and Mrs. DuVall wanted to give thanks to the seventh and eighth grade teachers for the work they have done this year in preparing students for these tests. Tuesday, sixth grade students will be coming over to the junior high to learn about lockers, meet teachers and get a general understanding of what next year may be like. The National Honor Society induction will be Wednesday evening along with awards night. Thursday the Kona Ice Truck will be here for a treat for students. Saturday is graduate night at Six Flags and students and two chaperones will be attending. The times at the park are from 10 pm to 4 am. Sunday will be the FFA banquet. For students in the American Heritage program that went beyond one book every nine weeks will be rewarded with bowling on Friday made possible by a community member.

Ms. Quinn – reported on last week's staff appreciation week. She stated we would not be without the staff we have. Officer Lonigro put on a responder's day program today for students to have a demonstration from the Starke County K-9's. Koontz Lake and Hamlet had fire trucks at the school. Students also viewed an ambulance and the fire house. We had many field trips recently with Mr. Nagai providing lunch for our fifth-grade students on their trip. Track and field day will be on Thursday. Ms. Quinn wanted to point out that Mr. Briles had perfect attendance during testing! Jumpstart letters have gone home. So far ten students have signed up for Kindergarten; Mrs. Aurand will be teaching that class. In grades one-six, fifteen students are signed up. Thirty-eight students have signed up for PreK. Mr. Bennett met with superintendents from Knox and North Judson to discuss JESSE and the transition that will take place after this next year. On May 3 the administration office participated in a webinar with Boyce systems to review their window-based system that is under consideration in a move from the dos system we presently use. The cost would be approximately \$36,000 per year for corporations and extracurricular accounting systems. Currently we are spending around \$23,000 per year. The soonest we could be put on the list for conversion would be next April if we choose to switch.

Staff appreciation was great. Our staff is amazing. Mr. Bennett could not say enough about the bus drivers and how amazing our drivers have been to pick up and manage the shortages we have been experiencing this year.

Mr. Bennett is looking at the next board meetings to be June 19 and July 19 which would get us back to the third Wednesday and he is anticipating that we will meet on August 2 for staffing issues. Between now and June 19 he would like to schedule an executive session with the board.

Ms. Quinn would like to invite everyone to a retirement recognition for Jodi Pucel on Friday, May 26 from 2 – 6 pm at the American Legion in Hamlet.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai – asked about a spring sports banquet. The answer is that it will be scheduled after the last spring sport concludes. He also wanted to thank Mrs. Gillard for her work with the students and the presentation tonight. He also wanted to thank Mrs. Lawrence for driving the bus for softball this year.

Mr. Minix – also wanted to express his thanks to Mrs. Gillard. He also asked in the next school year if we could bring students in to present and recognize them at board meetings. He would like to see a press release on the Centegix system and on PreK. He asked if there was any word on the athletic conference. Mr. Bennett replied that we have been invited to apply to the HNAC. Mr. Minix also stated he was glad the contract thing was over and would like to see us keep moving forward so that hopefully next year we can complete this at a quicker pace.

Mr. Lady – asked about the playground schedule. Ms. Quinn replied that we are on the schedule for the last week of May and the first week of June. He also asked for a breakout on Esser funds. Mr. Bennett replied that next year is the last year for Esser and we have until 9/30 to finish using those funds.

Mr. Hayes – wanted to also thank Mrs. Gillard and her students for coming. He asked where we stood on a bus. Mr. Bennett is still working on that and commented that we have another faculty member that will be training this summer to become a bus driver and that Janet will be training her.

Mr. Hinds – wanted to make sure we recognize retirees.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: June 19, 2023

9. Adjournment

Mr. Lady asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Minix made a motion to adjourn with Mr. Nagai seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Kurt Hayes, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver