

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION
Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2011 / 6:30 PM
Cafeteria, Jr/Sr High School

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Special Session on Monday evening, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Jr/Sr High School, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

Chris Lawrence, President of the Board of School Trustees, who presided, called the meeting to order. Mr. Chris Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jerry Pearish gave prayer.

Present: Mrs. Shirley Budka
Mr. Christopher Lawrence
Mr. Seth Huitt
Mr. Jerry Pearish
Mr. Mike Keiper via Skype

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Steven Disney - Superintendent,
Mrs. Julie McLiver - Recording Secretary, Matt Bertasso, Bill Bennett, Lee Nagai, Larry Jernas, Mr. and Mrs. Chaney, Shaw Friedman, Linda Bajgrowicz, Rita Eddington, Marlene Sherland, Freddie Baker.

Recognition of Visitors - The Board and Dr. Disney recognized Ms. Eddington for 16 years service for the school corporation and presented her with a plaque for her service.

Mr. Pearish made a motion to remove from the consensus agenda item B6a1, to add Item D2 as an addendum to the agenda and table Item D1. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

The consensus agenda was presented as follows:

- Agenda- December 19, 2011
- Minutes - November 21, 2011 and November 28, 2011
- Financial Reports
- Presentation of Claims
 - Vendor Claims - \$329,495.20
 - Payroll Claims - \$251,863.38
- Programs
- Personnel

- Resignations and Non-Renewals - Raynae Berg - High School Kitchen
- Retirement
- Employment and Transfers - Todd Briles, Mentor Teacher/Title I/ Health Wellness Teacher at the Elementary School
- Leave Requests
- Use of Facilities

Mrs. Budka made a motion to accept the consensus agenda as presented. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Action Items

Mr. Pearish made a motion for consideration of Resolutions to make “Intra-” and “Inter-” Function Transfers for the 2011 Calendar year Budget in the General, Transportation Operations, Bus Replacement, Debt, and Capital Projects Funds. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Dr. Disney explained this is done annually at this time of year to prepare for the cash flow for the budget year 2012

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Huitt made a motion for opening of bids for the sale of a Tax Anticipation Warrant for \$350,000.00 (January through June 2011). Mr. Pearish seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

At this time the bids were opened and read aloud. First Source Bank entered a bid at 2.83 %; Bank of Indiana entered a bid at 2.69%. The cost for the bid from First Source would be \$4,803.25; the cost for the bid from Bank of Indiana is \$4,565.63. Dr. Disney made a recommendation that the Board accept the lower of the two bids.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to award the bid to Bank of Indiana. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Pearish made a motion for consideration of referendum tax levy resolution. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion.

Mr. Volk then explained that this begins the formal legal process that was discussed at the November 28th meeting, dealing with the financial problems the school is facing . This process asks residents that are registered voters to levy a tax on themselves. Once the resolution is passed it then goes to the Department of Local Government Finance for review and they then return with order to proceed with a referendum. Notice is also given to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Election Board and several other agencies. A question will then appear on the May 8th ballot. If the voters pass the

resolution the next tax bill would reflect the increase. There are restrictions placed on schools and the school board that once the process starts funding for explaining or promoting the referendum will have to be financed privately and not by school funds.

Mr. Nagai was recognized by the board as having questions on this item. He asked if this is the only taxing method (real estate) at the school's disposal to raise additional funds. Mr. Volk answered there is not another method that he is aware of for schools to use. Mr. Nagai then stated that the proposed property tax levy will cost him another \$5,000-\$6,000. He feels the effect on the citizenry by this tax levy is being understated. He also stated he is a strong supporter of Oregon-Davis and is asking these questions to educate himself on the entire situation. Mr. Huitt then asked for clarification, did Mr. Nagai feel the information presented was misleading? Mr. Nagai responded that he did not know how many houses were valued at \$75,000 that many were considerably more than that. He then asked what will the impact be on the elevator and the bucket factory, what will be the impact on their businesses by the increase in taxes.

Mr. Nagai then asked Dr. Disney to provide a percentage cost of the labor between non-teaching positions and teaching positions.

The transfer of funds was also explained further.

Mr. Jernas was then recognized. He also felt the example of the \$75,000 house was misleading. He then referred to the "straw poll" Mr. Jessup conducted at the November 28th meeting. He said a lot of the people in the majority of that straw poll were staff members that don't even live in the district. More discussion followed about the tax rate and the effect of individuals.

Dr. Disney stated that the resolution being considered if passed would present the question to the voters that "For the seven (7) calendar years immediately following the holding of the referendum, shall the Oregon-Davis School Corporation impose a property tax rate that does not exceed nineteen cents (\$0.19) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation and that is in addition to all other property tax levies imposed by the school corporation?" Dr. Disney then explained that examples of the impact on taxpayers were presented at the November 28th meeting. It was stated at that meeting that there could be up to 19 cents for \$100 assessed. An example was given using the figures for a \$75,000 home. Also presented was that there would be up to \$2.87 impact on farm ground.

Mr. Jernas then said he still has not seen the minutes or agendas posted on the school's web site. Dr. Disney said this will be addressed by the technology department.

Mr. Jernas's final request was for what the cost per student is for Oregon-Davis.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Budka made a motion for consideration of approval of cancellation of old outstanding checks as presented. Mr. Pearish seconded the motion. This is something that is done annually to balance out the accounts.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Huitt made a motion to accept donations made to Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High School as presented. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion.

Dr. Disney recognized and thanked the following individuals and business for donations in support of Oregon-Davis activities: Farm Fertilizer donated \$200 to the FFA the help FFA members with whatever they need; Mr. Kurt Hayes donated \$500 to the cheerleaders for the purchase of new uniforms; D.M. K &H Farms also donated \$400 to the cheerleaders to help with the purchase of new uniforms. The Board also expressed their appreciation to these individuals for their support and donation to these causes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business Items

Mr. Pearish made a motion to consider termination of Kelly Arbuckle as a high school custodian. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

Reports:

Dr. Disney read a letter from Mr. Dennis Costerison from IASBO recognizing Nikki Gibson for her completion and certification of the School Business Official training. The Board also offered their congratulations to Nikki for this achievement. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Staff Reports: Ms. Bajgrowicz reported on the TAP program. She said the staff has put in a lot of hours and hard work and they have had lots of AHA moments. Mrs. VanDeMark has done a fantastic job and the teachers have been learning a great deal.

Mr. Bennett reported that Mr. Michaelis had a wonderful Christmas program last week at the Elementary school and it was wonderful to see it fully attended. He also commended the staff on the TAP program and said we have some fantastic teachers in the corporation.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Pearish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.

Michael Keiper, Secretary

Shirley Budka, Assistant Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver