

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION
Regular Board Meeting
May 21, 2012 / 6:30 PM
Room 202, Jr/Sr High School

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Special Session on Monday evening, May 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202 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. Mrs. Shirley Budka led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Seth Huitt gave prayer.

Present: Mrs. Shirley Budka
Mr. Christopher Lawrence
Mr. Seth Huitt

Absent: Mr. Jerry Pearish

Others Present: Dr. Steven Disney - Superintendent,
Mrs. Julie McLiver - Recording Secretary, Mr.
Ed Volk, School Attorney, Nikki Salazar, Brenda Miller, Kurt Hayes, Jayme Goetz

Recognition of Visitors- none present

The consensus agenda was presented as follows:

1. Agenda - May 21, 2012
2. Minutes - April 16, 2012
3. Financial Reports
4. Presentation of Claims
 - a. Vendor Claims - \$256,788.19
 - b. Payroll Claims - \$370,771.05
5. Programs
 - a. Off Campus Vocational Cooperative Programs for 2012-2013
 - Curtis Corwin - Health Careers
 - Crystal Jackson - Early Childhood Education
 - Casandra Niles - Health Careers
 - Aron Rotering - Automotive Services Technology
 - b. Mid-Term Graduation for 2012-2013
 - Breanna Kasten
 - Journey Loeck
6. Personnel
 - a. Resignations and Non-Renewals
 1. Christy VanDeMark - Master Teacher
 - b. Retirement

- c. Employment and Transfers
 - 1. Roberta Salyer - Special Education Teacher
 - 2. Haidee Temme - Special Education Teacher
 - 3. Robert Klinedinst - Special Education Teacher
 - 4. Bruce Hirschy - Master Teacher
 - 5. Reassignment of Christy VanDeMark as High School Teacher and Mentor Teacher
- 7. Leave Requests
- 8. Use of Facilities
 - a. Purdue Extension-Starke Co. July 10, 2012, Gym and Cafeteria.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion/Action Items

Mr. Huitt made a motion to award the George W. Burkett Scholarship, the Louis and Linda Berg Scholarship, and Academic Honor Diplomas as presented. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. A listing of recipients is attached to these minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to adopt a Resolution of Issuing a Tax Anticipation Warrant for \$350,000.00 (July-December 2012). Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Huitt made a motion to adopt textbooks for Family and Consumer Science as presented. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Mrs. Dennie has reviewed these texts to coincide with state rules and regulations and these are the books she is recommending. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to adopt science textbooks for grades 3-6. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Last year the high school adopted science textbooks and the elementary requested waiting one year to better review what would be available. Mr. Bennett and the textbook committee are recommending Discovery Education which includes many online applications. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Huitt made a motion to approve the Joint Service and Supply Fund Agreement as approved by the JESSE governing body on April 30, 2012. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. This finalizes the agreement approved by the Jesse governing board. This is a new agreement between participating schools. Mr. Volk pointed out there will be a resolution team if there is a problem. He also pointed out a withdrawal provision requiring written notice by January 1 prior to the year the school wished to withdraw. He said this is a very good provision and would suggest reviewing the agreement every October or November under other business items. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to approve extra-curricular positions as presented for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. As a result of the recent passing of the referendum, we can begin moving forward for the next school year. One of the items we are able to keep in place are the extra-curricular positions which would have been cut without the referendum passing. Mr. Lawrence asked whether the cost of extra-curricular positions has gone up and how they compare to surrounding corporations. Dr. Disney responded we are well below other corporations on cost and there has been no increase in these rates for at least six years and maybe as far back as eight years. Motion carried 3-0. A copy of the extra-curricular positions approved is attached to these minutes.

Other Business Items

Mr. Huitt made a motion to correct the language in Item D1. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to decline to continue the non-permanent teaching contract of Andrea Detweiler - World Language Teacher due to the necessity of Reduction in Force effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Due to budgetary numbers and declining enrollment numbers we would not have enough students to justify an additional language teacher with a partial schedule. This reduction will result in the other language teacher having a full language schedule. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Huitt made a motion to correct the language in Item D2. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion.

Mr. Huitt made a motion to decline to continue the non-permanent administrative teaching contract of William Frazier, Alternative School Coordinator due to the necessity of Reduction in Force, effective at the end of the school year. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Mr. Huitt asked if we will have an alternative school available. Dr. Disney responded that we are too small to continue to support the alternative school on our own. It has been running in the red. We will still run the credit recovery program for students but other options are being explored with the Scill Center and area schools to fulfill the need for the alternative school. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Budka made a motion to approve a lease of equipment agreement with Starke County Coop for the pumps used with the fuel supply tanks. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

Reports:

Mr. Huitt and Mr. Lawrence both commented on the 3-Star Banquet. There were many 6th grade students recognized.

Dr. Disney reported that on May 8, 2012 the referendum question put to the voters asking for a 19 cent increase in tax rate was approved 65% yes to 35 no. He expressed his thanks to the community. There is a lot of pride in the community and now our burden becomes greater to insure the money is properly spent. Mr. Volk commented that these are very difficult to pass and this says a lot about the pride, respect and appreciation the community has for the school. This increase in funds will not be realized until 2013.

Dr. Disney also congratulated Mr. Bennett and the elementary staff on the 3 Star Banquet and the Sixth Grade Celebration.

Dr. Disney recognized Robin Latimer and the boosters on the work they have done for the new outside concession stand, Mr. Taylor for the dugouts that were recently painted and re-roofed and Mrs. Pflugshaupt on the garden project the children have been creating.

Oregon-Davis Elementary was 70th out of 1000 elementary schools for IREAD scores. and 5th overall as a corporation in Indiana (and out of those we have the highest free and reduced lunch rate).

Mrs. Flaughter reported to Dr. Disney that the end of course assessments in language arts increased from 68% to 74%. The math rates also increased.

On May 22-24 Dr. Disney, Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Max will be at a conference in Cincinnati. Earlier in the year Dr. Disney was contacted by the United States Secretary of Education and invited to participate in this Collaboration to Transform the Teaching Profession. Oregon-Davis was one of only four in the state that were invited and the only one in northern Indiana.

Mrs. Miller talked about the pamphlet the children at the elementary had created under Mrs. Pflugshaupt's direction was all done by the children on the Apple computers. They will be having a celebration program on Wednesday, the board received an invitation. She also talked about a project at the high school that she was asked to help judge. She said the students had been put into groups and had to develop their parts and then present to everyone. She said overall she was very impressed with what they are accomplishing.

Mrs. Goetz asked about what is being done to improve outcomes at the high school. Dr. Disney said that they definitely have to improve test scores in the middle school. Programs have been put in place and they need to also look at the 8 step model in the middle school. As with all programs you will not see immediate results but end of course assessment results are beginning to go up and with next years high school classes all being involved in the New Tech school we should start to see some upward movement in other areas.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mrs. Budka made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Huitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Shirley Budka, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver