

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, May 13, 2019
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

Susan G. Rowles Board Room, Administration Building, Oregon-Davis School Corporation, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, May 13, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Susan G. Rowles Board Room of the Administration Building, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order - Chris Lawrence

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Lawrence

1.03 Roll Call - Chris Lawrence, Annette Ferch, Kurt Hayes, Kyle Hinds, Brandie Ecker

1.04 Public Comment

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to move Item 5.01 to the top of the meeting. Mr. Hinds made that motion and Mrs. Ferch seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Dr. Harman then introduced Kayla Skaggs, the preschool teacher, for her presentation. This is Kayla's second year and she loves it. There were 25 students this year, 14 in the am and 11 in the pm. Morning classes go from 8 to 10:30 and afternoon from 11:30 to 2. Since they only go 176 days so their last day is May 21st. They need to be four years old before December to come to preschool. Kayla works with math skills such as counting, shapes, number recognition and in language they work on letter sounds and recognition. She also does a lot of self help skills since this is the first time away from mom and dad for many of them. They do practice writing their first name. She has some students that are doing first, middle and last name and she has three or four students that are working on sight words. They do arts and crafts every Thursday, they also have 20 to 30 minutes of free play where they can learn to share and get along with others. This year she has had Rikki Risner as a student aide who has been excellent to work with.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
Deduction Checks Posting Reports for
Vendor Claims - \$264,276.13
Payroll Claims - \$317,264.57

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

Professional Leave

5/14/19, Jeff Messer, NIESC Food Procurement Meeting, Plymouth

6/17-6/20/19, Joe Eskridge, AP Art & Design Workshop

6/27/19, Jeff Messer, Skillpath Supervisor Seminar, South Bend

Field Trips

5/22/19, Kindergarten to Potawatomi Zoo

Fundraisers

4/22-May 28/19, SCYC-Staff Jeans Days

Donations

Farm Bureau, \$500 for Third Grade trip to Fair Oaks

Northern Indiana Community Foundation, \$650 for First Grade trip to the railway in North Judson

Northern Indiana Community Foundation, \$350 for Kindergarten creative art project

Cheryl Lyn Welter Charitable Foundation grant for \$300 to Mr. Eskridge

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Retirement

Sue Wieger

Resignations

Aubrey Lady

Linda Taylor

Hires

Ron Henigsmith, summer mowing

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Ferch and second was by Mr. Hayes.

Dr. Harman passed out a copy of the High Ability Grant. A question had been asked about a return of funds. Title I & Title II money can be carried over. High Ability cannot. The grant had been written to pay teachers \$2500 for enrichment programs but in comparing to other programs where teachers were paid \$2000 for programs Dr. Harman wanted to be consistent. Therefore an adjustment was made and approximately \$1387 was returned.

To clarify on vendor claims on the IASBO Annual Meeting it showed Dr. Harman as attending but Mrs. Salazar attended in his place.

In approval for leaves, Mr. Eskridge will be taking AP Art training in June and he is very excited to be able to do this.

Mr. Henigsmith took his shop classes over to Minker's across the street to visit his saw mill and it was a very good trip.

Mr. Bennett received a check from Farm Bureau for the Fair Oaks trip. The kindergarten teachers received a grant from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation for \$350 for a

creative art project. The First Grade also received a grant from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation in the amount of \$650 for their field trip to Hoosier Railways in North Judson. Mr. Eskridge received a grant from the Cheryl Lyn Welter Charitable Foundation that allowed him to take students to the Art Institute in Chicago.

In personnel, after more than 25 years, Mrs. Weiger will be retiring. Susie will be sorely missed but she will also help in the transition. Aubrey Lady had taken a maternity leave of absence and needed to notify the corporation by May 1 whether she would be returning and she has decided to stay home with her children.

Mr. Hinds had a question about the variations in the bus plug in reimbursements. Dr. Harman answered that much depends on where they live and when they plug in their bus. Some drivers do not plug in as much as others.

Consent agenda was approved 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve a contract with the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center Shared Dietitian Consortium Service. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hayes, second was by Mr. Hinds. This is very highly recommended. The dietician helps Mr. Messer create lunch menus so that they meet all of the requirements. This is through NIESC and the dietician is shared with other corporations. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve a Service Agreement with the Otis R. Bowen Center. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Ferch and seconded by Mr. Hayes. Mr. Kaminsky has reviewed and approved this contract. This gives the corporation the opportunity to recommend services for social and emotional needs of students and their families. This is very similar to how HealthLinks works as far as their reimbursements. This helps students have access to help over the summer months when they cannot talk to guidance staff. They have also offered to help with staff training. There is no cost to the corporation. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business Items

4.01 School start time (approve in June). Dr. Harman has asked parents and staff about input on starting at a later time. He created a proposal to start school at 7:45 and dismiss at 2:45. Dr. Harman would like to make a formal recommendation in June. After a brief discussion and question and answer period, the board also asked him to work up a proposal to have the start time at 8:00 for them to review.

4.02 eLearning days language added to the 2019-2020 calendar (approve in June). Dr. Harman would like to bring this to the board in June as an action item. The language he is proposing to add to the approved calendar is "Once the three built-in snow make up days are utilized, eLearning days may be utilized and/or additional make-up days may be scheduled at the end of the school year." This gives some flexibility as to how to make up time missed. E-Learning days could also be on a Saturday. After discussion concluded, Dr. Harman commented that he will work on the language to bring back a formal proposal to the board in June.

5. Curriculum

5.01 Pre K Presentation - Kayla Skaggs - moved to start of meeting

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports - The suggestion has been made to move board meetings to the second Monday of the month and Dr. Harman has asked the board to consider this. In June Mrs. Ferch cannot be here on the 17th so the board meeting in June will be on June 10th. One of the reasons school boards meet the first and second weeks of the month is to help in the approval of claims to be paid. Dr. Harman will bring this back in June as a formal recommendation.

The budget snapshot was passed out to board members. IASBO spring meeting is next Monday the 20th. Wednesday, May 29 is a teacher work day/retirement/celebration breakfast at 7:30 with the program starting at 8:00 and board members are invited to attend. Summer hours start on June 3. This will allow 12 month employees to work four days a week and have a three day weekend. Success stories: April 26 was our Mock Crash arranged by Officer Kohles. The Lutheran helicopter come in and it was a very effective presentation. Prom was the next week and that went very well. Staff Appreciation week was last week and the PTA provided teachers with a geranium from 4H and girl scout cookies. Staff Appreciation week has been extended beyond one week to the end of the year, with pizza for staff on Friday, May 17 and a candy bar with various candies to choose from along with pop and water the following week. Relay for life was last Friday, Roberta Salyer does a fantastic job organizing this. \$2000 was collected. Last week the arts had a show case. Joe Eskridge was there the entire night with displays and to talk with patrons and then stayed for the band concert. Kendra Ohime had the 5th Grade Band, 6th Grade Band Junior High Band, High School Band and a combined High School and Junior High Band all perform that evening. Mrs. Ohime has done an amazing job this year with the music program. Ron Henigsmith made Mrs. Ohime a music stand in the wood classes. Also Mark Juarez, a senior in the fishing club made a sign in Mr. Henigsmith's class for the fishing club.

7. Board Comments

Ms. Ecker asked for Dr. Harman to check with the insurance company about liability issues with the guidance counselor windows.

Mr. Hinds talked with Mr. Pressel about funding for cameras on the school bus stop arms. They also talked about the longer arms. He is aware of the stop arm issues, at this time he feels it is at a federal level issue but is interested in learning more. Mr. Hinds asked for the corporation to push everything they can to WKVI. Mr. Hinds also asked if there is a walk thru of the campus scheduled soon. Dr. Harman will talk with Mr. Lawrence about scheduling this in a work session soon.

8. Future Meetings

June 10, 2019

9. Adjournment

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion of adjournment. Mr. Hinds made this motion and Ms. Ecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned 7:26 pm.