

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, August 12, 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, August 12, 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 - Annette Ferch

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - Annette Ferch

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

1.04 Public Comment - none

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes - July 8, July 10, July 15, and July 22, 2019 Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
Deduction Checks Posting Report 8/2/19
Vendor Claims - \$123,276.83
Payroll Claims - \$80,850.69

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests
Professional Leave
8/28-8/29/19, Mrs. Awald to Spec. Educ. Law Conference in Indianapolis

Facility Use
Facility Use for Cub Pack 235 from August 20 - May 31, 2020, Elementary

Fundraisers
8/5/19, Varsity Soccer Banner Advertisement
8/16-18/19, Band, lemon shake ups at Yellowstone Trail Fest

Donations
1st Source Bank - reflectors for each elementary student
Monteith Tire - reflectors

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Hires

Vincenzo Carrasco, High School Varsity Cross Country Coach
Jack Minter, Jr. High Cross Country Coach
Ron Henigsmith, Industrial Technology Teacher
Tina Green, Special Needs Instructional Assistant
Tracy Patrick, Instructional Assistant/Media Center Position
Cobie Norris, Media Center Assistant
Yesenia Godoy, Art Room Instructional Assistant
Nathan Werner, Mathematics teacher
LaTausha Cotner, Art teacher
Ryan Myers, Science and Health teacher
Kassandra Earnest, kitchen substitute
Laurie Miller, Kitchen employee

Resignations

Kenley Newbauer
Betty Noble

Family Leave

Kimberly Bachert

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Hinds with Ms. Ecker seconding the motion.

Ms. Ecker asked for a correction on the July 8 minutes on page 4 to correct her statement to be that she was concerned with not having an administrator in the school.

Motion to approve the consent agenda passed 3-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation for the 2019-2020 Elementary School Student Handbook and Jr./Sr. High School Student Handbook

Motion to approve the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Handbooks was made by Ms. Ecker and seconded by Mrs. Ferch.

Changes that were made were updating names and dates. No policies or procedures were changed. Motion passed 3-0.

3.02 Recommendation to Publish the 2020 Budget

Motion to approve publishing the 2020 Budget was made by Mr. Hinds and seconded by Ms. Ecker.

The bus replacement is a 5 year plan and the capital projects is a 3 year plan. Notices will be on the website and the Public Hearing on the budget will be at the regular September Board meeting on September 9, 2019.

Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Hayes was able to join the meeting at 6:44 pm.

4. Other Business Items

4.01 Presentation of the 2019-2020 Athletic Handbook / First Reading

Dr. Harman asked to table this item. Mr. Miller is looking over the handbook. Dr. Harman would like to have his input since he is the new Athletic Director. Until corrections can be made and approved by the Board the current handbook will continue to be used. Once Mr. Miller has a chance to take input from coaches and parents and make adjustments this will be brought back to the school board.

5. Curriculum

5.01 Jump Start Report by Mr. Bill Bennett

Mr. Bennett reported that there were 32 students in attendance on average. Mrs. Hinds, Ms. Quinn and Mrs. Wringer were helping the students with fun activities and helping them to get back in the groove of school. During the second week Kindergartners were brought in and that class averaged 12 students per day with a high of 14. Students were able to eat breakfast and lunch at the school and become familiar with the building and routines so that the unknowns of coming to school were not left for the first day. Kindergarten Jump Start was sponsored by the Northern Indiana Community Foundation and the Hardesty Family.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports - Dr. Harman passed out to the board his monthly budget snapshot. July expenditures were down mainly because payroll thru July is smaller since many of the support staff were not working. This makes the actual cash balance look good for the month of July.

The Public Hearing on teacher compensation and collective bargaining was held at 6:00 in compliance with the new timelines and meetings that must be held. The August 26 board meeting can now be cancelled since this public hearing was held tonight. Notices will be published for the upcoming public meetings that are required.

The ISBA and IPSSA's fall conference will be September 30 - October 1.

There was a bus accident on Tuesday, August 6 involving one of our white activity buses. The driver, Janet Berkin, is ok although she was sore for a couple of days. There were no students on board at the time. We are awaiting the insurance company inquiry and will be getting quotes for repairs.

Success Stories:

Two teacher workdays were held last week with professional development for the teachers and staff. Staff had a session on human trafficking that was very enlightening and Officer Kohles did a session on school safety. The first two student days went well and overall were very positive.

We are transporting students to Knox for vocational classes as well as special education classes. The vocational students are appreciative of the transportation as there are some who would not be able to take the classes if they did not have that transportation option.

6.02 Principal's Reports - Mr. Bennett was contacted by the county health nurse and the schools will each be receiving two Stop the Bleed Kits. The elementary has had a very smooth start and Mr. Bennett express his gratitude for his staff for all they have done to make that happen. Enrollment is up from last year. The Title 1 budget was approved today and he will be working on some other grants in the upcoming days to meet deadlines.

Dr. Harman stated that Mr. Carlin has jumped in to his administrative role and has already had some situations to deal with in gaining administrative experience.

7. Board Comments

A question was asked on the status of the glass doors at the elementary. The grant has been submitted and the corporation is just waiting for approval.

Mr. Bennett has also been working on a grant from Nipsco. They are looking at possibly getting a used police car that they can make kid friendly with local business dealing and be able to use for truancy calls, etc.

The modulars are gone and clean up of the area will be taking place soon. The hope is to get some topsoil down and get some ground cover planted (started) before winter.

8. Future Meetings

September 9, 2019

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion of adjournment. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.