

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, October 19, 2020
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 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 Regular Session on Monday evening, at 6:30 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Annette Ferch

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Annette Ferch

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

1.04 Recognition – retired teachers, Bonnie Schwenk, Tamara Whitcraft

1.05 Emcor presentation – Representatives from Emcor presented an update on the building project and discussed different options that were being considered along with preliminary pricing. Discussions continue to get down to specific pieces of equipment for the project.

1.06 Public Comment – Lee Nagai had several questions for the Board concerning the project.

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to add 2.03 FFA Fieldtrip to the consent agenda. Ms. Ecker made that motion, Mr. Lawrence seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Ferch then asked for a motion to add 3.04 Recommendation to approve Resolution 02-15. Ms. Ecker made that motion with Mr. Lawrence seconding that item. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

9/21/20 Regular Meeting

9/21/20 Public Hearing Notes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Report 9/18/20, 10/2/20

Vendor Claims 9/30/20, 10/19/20 \$354,134.73

Payroll Claims 9/18/20, 10/2/20, 10/16/20 \$349,644.16

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

Professional Leave

Field Trips

10/27 or 10/28 FFA National Convention – virtual (in-school)

Facility Use

Fundraisers

Band, spirit wear sale, Sept 23 – Oct. 2, to fund scholarships

Band Boosters, Oct. 24 - online band-a-thon take pledges and do a virtual concert, to fund field trips and activities

Drama Club, Nov. 13 & 14, Talent Show, fund future Drama Club endeavors

Donations

Hamlet Lions Club donated dictionaries to all third graders on 9-25-20

Simons Speed Shop donated new Boys & Girls State Final Signs

Yearbook received a \$30.00 donation from Larry Bigler

Starke County Farm Bureau donated \$250.00 for the Boys Basketball Program

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Cobie Norris, Instructional Asst., Sub Caller, Media Center

New Hires

Band/Chorus Director, Kendra Ohime

Pep Club Sponsor, Kathy Roberts

Brandy Garland, Instructional Assistant, Sub Caller, Media Center

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to adopt 2021 Budget

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve 3.01, Ms. Brandie seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 School Improvement Plans

At this time 5.01 was bumped up to this portion of the meeting. Mrs. Awald and Ms. Quinn presented highlights and updates on their school's improvement plans.

After the presentation and questions Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to approve Item 3.02. Motion was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 4-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 agreement with Green Grass for snow Removal

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to approve Item 3.03. Motion was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Lawrence. Green Grass was the only service that quoted for snow removal. Their quote remains the same as it has been for the past two years. Motion passed 4-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve Resolution 02-15

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to approve Item 3.04. Motion was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

5.01 Report on 2020-2021 School Improvement Plans – This was moved up prior to the vote on Item 3.02

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Mr. Bennett reported that the SRO car is back from getting wrapped and it looks very nice. This was all paid for, the car and the wrap through donations. Almost a full staff is back, many students returned today so hopefully we can get a good stretch in before Thanksgiving. He wanted to extend his appreciation to staff, paras, teacher, cafeteria and office staff at the elementary that helped while virtual. There were between 30- and 40 students that came for homework help during that time and it was a great service for those students. In the future much will depend on staffing but we could see the Jr./Sr High School doing something different than the Elementary. We did get approval that student lunches will be free through the end of the school year.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Ms. Quinn- fire prevention week was before we went virtual. Eight students were picked up and brought to school on a fire truck. Some high school students came and talked to the students about fire prevention. Ms. Quinn also expressed her appreciation for all the staff that jumped into help during the virtual period. A Halloween parade will not be held this year due to Covid. The majority of the staff voted that the kids wear their costumes to school that Friday and do some fun academic activities on that day. Packaged snacks will be served in their classrooms. Ms. Quinn answered a question about ALICE training. Mr. Kohles did not use the nerf gun but was able to go into each classroom and talk to them.

Mrs. Awald – Mrs. Awald thanked Ms. Quinn for her supervision at the elementary during the quarantine. Two Jr/Sr high students used this option and there were a couple of teachers and a para from the Jr/Sr High that went over to help. Veteran's Day will be different this year. Veterans will be honored but there will not be anyone coming into the school for a program. Staff and students are working on a video to honor the veterans with the background music being played by the band that will be posted on social media.

7. Board Comments

One of the members asked about new board member classes. They will be held in the spring, hopefully in person.

Ms. Ecker asked about stipends in the board packet. Ms. Ecker made a motion to approve a stipend for Mr. Jensen Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Hinds opposing.

Ms. Ecker made a motion to approve a stipend payment for Mrs. Huitt through the CARES Act, second was by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: November 16, 2020

9. Adjournment

Ms. Ecker made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Hinds seconding the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Brandi Ecker, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver