

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, January 13, 2020
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High School, Humanities Room, 5990 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN
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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 was suspended since this meeting was immediately following the Board of Finance and Reorganization Meetings.

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

1.04 Public Comment – none

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to move item 5.01 ahead of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Ecker made that motion with Mr. Hinds seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Ohime, music instructor presented her report on the music program. The Boosters have grown. They have almost raised all the money necessary to purchase performance polos for the bands. Those shirts will stay and be maintained at the school. Solo and Ensemble is coming up on February 8 and will be held in Plymouth. The school has been gracious to pay the membership in IMEA which allows the students to participate in these contests. Last year they had three solos and one ensemble. This year they have seventeen solos, five ensembles and twenty-eight students participating; this goes from 6 – 12 grades. This week Mrs. Ohime received an email from Plymouth inviting the band to participate in a Bi-County (Marshall & Starke) Marching Band to perform in the Indy 500 Parade. Mrs. Ohime is very excited to attend this, and students last year were very excited about the possibility of doing this in the future. Music wise her junior high band is performing at a level where her previous school's high school band was performing, and the high school is performing at a level she has never had a band reach. She is very excited to see the progress students have made in the past two years. She is also having students asking for lessons so they can be in band. As this excitement grows the participation rate also grows. She invited all to the next concert and will let everyone know the date.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – December 9, 2019

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Report 12/6/19, 12/20/19

Vendor Claims 12/30/19

Vendor Claims 1/13/2020

Payroll Claims 12/20/19

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests

Professional Leave Requests

12/12/19, Jerry Miller, Plymouth Skate Center, Jr. High PE Class
1/15/20, Elizabeth Browne, Stem Conference-Purdue W. Lafayette
1/15/20, Lisa Glennon, Stem Conference-Purdue W. Lafayette
1/16/20, Kristin Kubacki, Ind. Assoc. of AG Educ winter PD, Trafalgar, IN
1/24/20, Jeff Messer, NIESC Food Purchasing/Procurement Mtg, Plymouth
1/28/20, Kerry Bradway, LA Textbook Caravan, Swan Lake Plymouth

Field Trips

1/14/20, FFA to Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
1/16/20, High School Yearbook, area marketing and sales
3/12/20, Academic Teams to Westville for competition
4/20-22/20, 6th Grade to Indiana Dunes National Park, Porter, IN

Facility Requests

12/15/19, Davis Wesleyan Church
1/5/19, Davis Wesleyan Church

Fundraisers

4/17-18/20, Drama Club, Spring Production
2/14/20, Jr/Sr High Student

Donations

Diana Fletcher, \$150.00
Koontz Lake Association Bingo, \$250.00
Anonymous donation, jerseys to the girls' basketball at the elementary and junior high
Jerry Seese, \$50.00 to the Athletic Department

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Jr. High Swim Coach – LaTausha Cotner
Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach – Ricardo Nava
Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach – John Danford
Media Specialist – Kerry Bradway
Elementary Custodian – Taylor Birk

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Ms. Ecker. Dr. Harman added that Liz Browne and Lisa Glennon have really become excited about STEM and will be going to a conference, Kristin Kubacki will be attending a PD for new AG teachers. In field trips FFA will be going to the farm show in Fort Wayne. The 6th grade trip will be changing from going to Camp Eberhart to the Indiana Dunes National Park this year, this trip will be in April. Regarding donations, Dr. Harman will be personally sending out thank you's to everyone. The Corporation really appreciates the support we receive from the community. Under personnel we have a new Varsity Boys Soccer Coach and a new Assistant Varsity Baseball coach. Also, the custodian, Taylor Birk, has been doing a very good job for us.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to adopt the 2020 Fiscal Goal

Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. The four areas of concentration are straight out of Indiana Code. These are goals that the corporation strives to meet every day. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve the 2020 "Conflict of Interest" Disclosure Statements

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Lawrence. This is an annual statement each administrator and board member must sign. These are then filed with the State Board of Accounts, the County Clerk and then included in the official minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve the 2020 mileage rate

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Ms. Ecker. The rate remains at 58 cents per mile. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve Resolution 01-20

Motion to approve Resolution 01-20 was made by Mr. Lawrence, second was by Mr. Hayes. This is to transfer \$300,000 from operation funds to rainy day funds. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve Resolution 02-20

Motion to approve Resolution 02-20 was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Ms. Ecker. This is regarding transferring funds from inactive account numbers to new numbers and all other necessary transfers prior to closing the 2019 accounting year. Motion passed 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to approve the cancellation of outdated outstanding checks

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

None

5. Curriculum

5.01 Report on Music Programs – moved to beginning of meeting

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Dr. Harman passed out the budget snapshot to Board members. He pointed out that the educational cash balance at the end of 2019 is \$317,958.24. This

represents an 8% cash balance. The general rule is 8-10% cash balance on hand, so this is good news for the corporation.

Dr. Harman then wanted to report on graduation rates. OD was reported at 77%. Thirty-seven out of forty-eight did graduate, eleven did not. He also pointed out that the state does not recognize as graduates, students with a general diploma, GED, certificate of completion or similar lesser credentials. Six of those eleven were special education students. Our numbers do not help us. Dr. Harman then shared some statistics from other schools. He shared the number of students that did not graduate compared to their graduation rate percentage.

Knox	8 (did not graduate)	94% (graduation rate percentage)
North Judson	9	90%
Laville	15	84%
Northwood	17	92%
Wapahani	11	89%

With our small graduation numbers that is a higher percentage that did not graduate.

The administration is targeting students as low as freshman to track where they are at and get them going in the right direction.

The 2020-21 calendar is a mirror image of this year and Dr. Harman plans to bring that to the next meeting. The staff is considering changing the parent/teacher conference to mid-term in the fall and spring instead of waiting for the end of the grading period.

Dr. Harman provided to the Board members two documents, a checklist for communicating with your legislators and legislative priorities. Board members should be getting emails from the ISBA. On February 11 Mrs. Ferch will be attending the legislative day.

Dr. Harman asked everyone to keep the Ron Henigsmith family in your thoughts and prayers. The corporation is looking at a way to honor Ron and will be bringing more information to the Board.

Success Stories:

Tina Berg, 6th grade teacher is creating an elementary school shopping center. She is asking for donations from staff and others and will conduct a shopping trip for students perhaps four times a year at no cost to the students.

Leo's Club is heading an eyeglass drive at the high school.

Lions have raised enough for the water fountain they are donating to the school and are looking at installation in the spring.

In the fall the Lions helped with eye screening with Mrs. Huitt. Also, earlier this year the Lions donated dictionaries to third grade students.

In the Auto Program we have two students that have passed some ASE certifications; Hayden Danford last year passed 9 of 11, this year he has passed 7 of 7. Tyler Snodgrass last year passed 2 out of 4, this year he has passed 4 out of 4.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Mr. Bennett is excused for tonight. For the high school Bi-County is next week. On Tuesday we will be hosting John Glenn in boys' varsity and girls' varsity games, start time is 5:30, girls first.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Hinds asked about considering adding enrollment reports under other business in the agenda. Dr. Harman sends that in the weekly updates and would like to have a work session to discuss this topic. He will confer with the board president to carry out the board's wishes.

8. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be February 17, 2020

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion of adjournment. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.