

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, March 16, 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, March 16, 2020 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 - led by Chris Lawrence
- 1.03 Roll Call - Chris Lawrence, Annette Ferch, Kurt Hayes, Kyle Hinds, Brandi Ecker
- 1.04 Public Comment- none

2. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to add addendum items under 2.04 resignation of Kaylee Godoy, Varsity Cheer Coach and under 3.0, Item 3.05 Recommendation to approve Resolution 03-20
Motion to add addendum items was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

- 2.01 Approval of the Minutes - February 16, 2020
- 2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
 - Deduction Checks Posting Reports - 2/14/20, 2/28/20
 - Vendor Claims - 2/28/20, 3/16/20 \$242,157.28
 - Payroll Claims - 2/28/20, 3/13/20 \$225,029.25
- 2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests
 - Professional Leave Requests
 - 2/20/20, Jerry Miller, VAPE Education & Prevention Regional Training, Penn HS
 - 2/24/20, Jerry Miller, IHSAA Meeting Goshen HS
 - 2/28/20, Jeff Messer, NIESC Purchasing-Procurement, Plymouth
 - 3/10/20, Jerry Miller, IHSAA New AD Mentor Meeting, SB Career Academy

Field Trips

- 3/5/20, 7 & 8th Grades to Bowlaway Lanes, Knox
- 4/21/20, Academic Team to Competition at LaPorte High School
- 4/22/20, Math Club to Valparaiso for Bridge Sanctioned Event
- 4/38/20, FFA 9-12 to Porter Cty Fairgrounds for competitions
- 5/6/20, FFA to Fair Oaks Dairy
- 5/20/20, Grade 3 to Fair Oaks Farms
- 5/23/20, Grades 2 & 3 to Baugo Creek

Facility Use

4/17/20, ODPTA to use Elem Gym and Cafeteria

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Fundraisers

3/9-4/9/20, Boys' Golf selling coupon books for local golf courses

4/17/20, ODPTA to sponsor a Family Fun Fair

5/15/20, ODPTA to sponsor an end of year dance

Donations

\$350.00 for 6th grade field trip from Welter Family Foundation

\$63.17 for Girls' Varsity Golf, anonymous

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Laurie Miller

Rebecca Reinhold

Kaylee Godoy

Hires

Janet Berkin, Special Needs Instructional Assistant

Angie Cripe, Volunteer Head Softball Club Coach

Nathan Cripe, Volunteer Assistant Softball Club Coach

Ray Gleason, Volunteer Assistant Softball Club Coach

Amanda Egger, Head Varsity Track Coach

Nicole Mickow, Assistant Varsity Track Coach

Jami McDaniel, Assistant Varsity Track Coach

Ashley Rice, Head Jr. High Track Coach

Retirement

Bonnie Schwenk

Tamara Whitcraft

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Lawrence.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve the purchase of a new school bus

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Ferch gave details on the proposal. The purchase includes a trade in of \$5000.00 and a 10 year warranty. A used bus has less year os warranty, a new bus will have a stop arm camera. It would be a gas bus using only 7 quarts of oil as opposed to 30 quarts for a diesel. The gas bus runs about \$6000 less than a diesel. Mr. Ferch has not been happy with the service from Bluebird, International has a wider range of service facilities available. A used bus generally is a stripped down model coming from a different state with different specs from Indiana.

Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Hinds opposing.

3.02 Recommendation to approve to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) of energy service providers

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve a High School Club Softball Team

Mr. Miller and Dr. Harman talked extensively about the program with the goal to have a sanctioned softball team for the next school year.

Motion to approve was by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve Jr/Sr High School Principal

Dr. Harman read the recommendation to approve Bettie Awald as the Jr/Sr High School Principal for next school year. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve Resolution 03-20

This recommendation allows the school to continue to pay hourly employees while school is shut down due to the Coronavirus. Dr. Harman would like to see employees that continue to work through the closure to receive a stipend or some other form of compensation for going above and beyond.

Motion to approve was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

4.01 Presentation of transportation history/data, information of bus inventory was distributed to the Board.

4.02 Presentation by Baker Tilly (Brock Bowsher) and Thomas Peterson regarding bonds for HVAC project(s). Mr. Bowsher made a presentation to the school board regarding current debt and bonds for the project considered. He presented two scenarios illustrating a \$3,000,000.00 project with an 8 year 4 month term and a \$6,000,000.00 project with a 10 year 4 month term. He did not see this impacting the 2020 tax rate.

5. Curriculum

5.01 Report on secondary curriculum - Drew Carlin. Mr. Carlin spoke about curriculum maps that the shift if focus from an individual teacher approach to a team approach. He also spoke about improvements to the Bobcat Period to helps students with improvement, grades, study time, lessons on the motto and stem practice and activities.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports - Dr. Harman provided the monthly budget snapshot to the Board. He said percentages through February were on track for the first two months of the year. He then reported on the COVID-19 situation. A memo will be going out explaining the e-learning and waiver day schedule. Also

sack lunches will be provided at the Hamlet and Koontz Lake Fire Stations along with the Jr/Sr High School. Each lunch will include breakfast for the next day. No food will be distributed during Spring Break. All field trips are canceled. ECA's at this time are postponed until April 14. He had a great meeting with teachers today and will be monitoring the situation daily.

Success Stories:

Spencer Berg received a gold medal at state ISSMA solo/ensemble. Twenty students participated at state and 17 received gold medals.

Mercedes Rhodes, as a junior, has been named to the all star girls' basketball team.

6.02 Principal's Reports - Mrs. Roberts has received a \$1500 grant to use for supplies for her foods classes. Dr. Harman offered his congratulations to Mrs. Awald and thanked the teachers that attended in her support.

Mr. Bennett congratulated Mrs. Schwenk and Mrs. Whitcraft on their many years of service and mentioned that they will be greatly missed. The elementary has been issued a check through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation and the Hardest family in the amount of \$3500 to be used for Kindergarten Jumpstart. This is greatly appreciated. Mr. Bennett also offered his congratulations to Mrs. Awald and looks forward to working with her.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Hinds asked Dr. Harman to get a fuel contract quote on diesel futures.

8. Future Meetings

April 20, 2020

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion of adjournment. Ms. Ecker made that motion and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM

Brandie Ecker, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver