

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, May 18, 2020
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Annette Ferch

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Brandie Ecker

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 add addendum Item 2.04 resignation of Mr. Carlin to Consent Agenda and to add Discussion Item 3.07 to agenda. Ms. Ecker made a motion to add these items to the agenda and pull out the school counselor approval as a separate item. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – 4/20/20, 5/8/20

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Check Posting Reports 4/10/20, 4/24/20, 5/8/20

Vendor Claims 4/30/20, 5/18/20

Payroll Claims 4/24/20, 5/8/20

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests

Professional Leave

Field Trips

Facility Use

Fundraisers

Donations

\$200.00 for Elementary Lunch Funds

150 personal pan pizza boxes from Knox Pizza Hut for use in lunch program

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignation of Andrew Carlin – Assistant Principal and Life Science Teacher

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Ms. Ecker, second, Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve the Hiring of Jr/Sr High School Counselor – Hannah Shipley

Motion was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Ms. Ecker abstaining since her mother was in the candidate pool.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to reseal parking lot

Discussion: there was no specification for a particular material to be used. The recommendation is to accept the quote from Ranger Materials, it was the lowest of the three quotes received. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve EMCOR as the guaranteed savings provider for the Oregon-Davis School Corporation

Discussion: Their services will not only be used for the HVAC project but will but will also be involved in a comprehensive assessment of the Corporation needs. This recommendation satisfies state bidding requirements. A contract for services provided will be finalized once the scope of work is agreed upon between the Board and EMCOR. Motion was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 Oregon-Davis Elementary School Student Handbook and Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook

Discussion: Handbooks are updated every year. Language that is being recommended for removal has been struck while proposed new language is highlighted. Mr. Bennett added that many of the changes had to do with date changes. Other changes are possible at the next school year approaches. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Lawrence, second was by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 Oregon-Davis Elementary Faculty Handbook and Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High School Faculty Handbook

Discussion: None. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve a contract with the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center for a Shared Dietician Consortium Service

Discussion: This service has been provided for the last few years. Food Service Director is in full support for it's approval. Not only does this service positively impact the nutritional value of the foods that are served to our students, but cost savings are realized by access to free state and federal resources as well. Mr. Kaminski has reviewed the contract and approve it. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to approve a Service Agreement with the Otis R. Bowen Center

Discussion: This is an updated version of the previous agreement. This could be very important for students coming back to school for support. Mr. Kaminski has also reviewed this

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

3.07 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 Oregon Davis Jr/Sr High School Athletic and Extracurricular Handbook

Discussion: Mr. Miller convened an athletic committee and conducted a full review of the handbook. Additions included sports offered and awards that could be earned. Mr. Dermody thanked Mr. Miller for all the work that was put into these updates. Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Graduation and process and collection of student possessions has been well publicized. Thursday and Friday will be for seniors and next week will be K-11. This will allow Mr. Taylor and his maintenance crew the full time necessary for a thorough cleaning.

Mr. Dermody mentioned that along with the other schools in Starke County the Oregon-Davis School Corporation was named business of the month. A very nice honor.

Teacher Appreciation Week was last week. Mr. Dermody wanted to remind the Board to salute the staff for the trying conditions they have been dealing with and for getting the job done. Also School Nurse Day was last week. Mrs. Huitt has been instrumental in helping with many of the procedures developed for moving forward. Mr. Dermody wanted to highlight our food service volunteers, Mr. Messer who has spearheaded this process since the middle of March and Mr. Carlin who has been in charge of the volunteers delivering the meals. It is not atypical for 150 meals to be picked up in a day and quite possible that this could increase.

Typically this is the month that book adoption comes up. With things being what they are and the uncertainty, this recommendation if there is one should come up at the next meeting. This will affect instructional fees if new sources are purchased. There will be a mix of books and technology.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Mr. Bennett gave a big thank you to all staff as we conclude the school year. Students will be recognized on Facebook for the 3 star awards and 6th grade celebration as well as citizenship, principal award and apple award.

Mrs. Awald also gave a big thank you to all staff. They are preparing for senior pick up and prepping rooms for summer. She has been in communication with seniors. Senior video releases will be online. Schoology training has started with a small group that will help to train the rest of the staff.

Mr. Miller shared some of the basketball players, Mr. Sennert, Daniel Henigsmith and Mrs. Awald went to WKVI to begin a new annual award, the Ron Henigsmith Award which will be

given annually to a member of the boys' basketball team who is actively involved in the community, volunteering, stepping up and doing things when asked without question, just like Ron Henigsmith did. He was always the first to volunteer and go beyond the call of duty. This year's winner is Dennis Cooley.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Hayes asked if Jerry could look into the highway signs recognizing the basketball signs that are peeling. An update will be reported in June.

Ms. Ecker asked about money coming to the school for reimbursement. Mr. Dermody said it seems to change daily and he has been watching webinars each week to be sure the corporation is meeting all requirements.

Mr. Hinds asked what is the date when the corporation will stop paying the staff that are not working. For non-certified staff, the last regular scheduled day will be the last day of pay. Any pay after that will be for specialty request. Right now the custodial staff will start Tuesdays and Thursdays. Two weeks from May 18 it is anticipated that regular employment will be back in force.

Mr. Hinds also asked about the playground area. Mr. Dermody will find out the situation and report back. Mr. Dermody did say the grass seeding is in the process of getting done.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: June 15, 2020

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.