

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Susan G. Rowles Board Room, Administration Building, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN
46532

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in a Work Session on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 PM in the Susan G. Rowles Board Room of the Administration Building.

1. Notice to Public

1.01 Call to Order – Kyle Hinds

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Roll Call – Kyle Hinds, Brandie Ecker, Chris Lawrence, Ben Lady, Lee Nagai

1.04 Public Comment

1.05 Work Session

Topics Discussed:

Emcor and direction the corporation wants to go. The Board was provided with an itemized list of what work has been done so far in the project and discussed the option of getting a second opinion of the scope of work and the work that has been done so far.

Board Meeting Dates and Times. After discussion the board came to a consensus that the 4th Monday would work for everyone. Discussion then turned to the time of the meeting and perhaps starting earlier. They decided that 6:00 pm would be a good starting time to try.

Board Member Pay. Currently the salary is \$1000 and \$50 per meeting, which is less than the statute states. The Board decided to keep the pay the same.

Finances. Mr. Bennett handed out a budget snapshot for December. The Board would like to continue to receive the budget snapshot each month. Corporation Treasurer, Nikki, would like to put \$270,000 in Rainy Day from Operations which would take that the Rainy Day Fund up to close to \$500,000. \$500,000 would cover approximately one month's expenses. Over the last three years \$370,000 has been transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. Cash balance was up for the end of 2020. The concern with 2021 is on funds to be received in 2021.

Enrollment. Enrollment fuels everything. The Board and Mr. Bennett discussed class size and stated 50 to 55 per class would be a great place to be. To get to that OD needs to look at what OD offers that neighboring districts do not. Offerings that other schools do not have and making sure those offerings are quality offerings. There is room for improvement. Mr. Bennett would rather see a position take longer to fill to get the right person than just to fill an opening.

Mr. Bennett wants to go full steam ahead on preschool for next year with transportation figured into the equation. They also discussed special education. Mr. Nagai asked for Mr. Bennett to bring this to the next board meeting for the Board to take action.

Marketing. Advertising for pre-school will carry over to the rest of the school. The other part of that is celebrating the good things that are happening in the district. Billboards, flyers, yard signs could all be utilized. Mr. Nagai would like to see at least all high school teachers attend graduation. Also discussed was a plan to bring in a day for trades such as carpenters, electricians, etc to promote those professions to students.

Extra-Curricular. A discussion on non-traditional clubs and activities such as archery, skeet shooting took place.

A question was asked about CARES money. The balance left is \$30,000- \$40,000. The next push of CARES money is considerably higher and is more focused on remediation and cleaning. There was also a discussion about Home School students and whether they are supported by the corporation.

Mr. Bennett gave the Board some information that they had asked for about salaries and seniority of teachers.

Mr. Nagai suggested attending other board or township meetings to build relationships and get more involved in the area.

2. Future Meetings

2.01 Board Meeting: February 15, 2021

3. Adjournment

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

Chris Lawrence, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver