

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Special Work Session 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 Special Work Session on Tuesday evening, March 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Kyle Hinds

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance -

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

1.04 Public Comment - none

1.05 Work Session – Mr. Bennett presented an overview of the proposed pre-school program. Currently only 3 students have requested transportation. A para will need to ride the bus to help strap children in to the safety harnesses. Full day option currently has some interest. Mr. Bennett is looking at 12- 15 per class with 2 adults per room. Scholarship opportunities will be available through the community foundation. For the first year if we become an accredited preschool then the following year we could qualify for the On My Way Pre-K funding.

We posted the position for five days in- house since we are looking for a certified teacher. We had two teachers apply. Mr. Bennett would like to see a teacher approved in March.

It looks like there will be the possibility for a snack and Mr. Bennett will meet with Mr. Messer to see if there is a possibility there for funding or if this will be parent-driven, which would mean some additional restrictions due to Covid.

Target age is 4 years old by December 1st. If they are close in age they may be accepted if there is room. Some children that are five that did not attend preschool this year may be able to attend a Pre-K Preschool. There are three that are already signed up for this.

Mr. Bennett then went over budget items. Scholarships from the community foundation are based on income. Also some Small Rural School funding could be used. Staffing would be a certified teacher with benefits, and a paraprofessional. Curriculum and supplies need to be considered along with classroom preparation. One of the considerations is to use plank flooring as opposed to carpeting to make for ease of cleaning. Painting would be done in house. Transportation is the big unknown at this time. Some buses already have five point harnesses on a limited number of seats but it will be an expense if we have more families interested in transportation. The other unknown is if transportation is provided how big the route would be. Double sided yard signs are coming later this week. Mr. Bennett priced billboards on Hwy 35 and they were quite pricey. He feels the yard signs will be a better investment. Mr. Bennett would like to use another round of yard signs in April for registration. Facebook has also been

hit with our announcement and we will continue with that. Postcards are also in the planning stages.

Mr. Bennett concluded his presentation and then took questions. Other discussion included an all-day option, placement of yard signs, a mailer, sustainability, cost of all the items, educational outcomes in later years.

2. Future Meetings

2.01 Board Meeting: March 22, 2021

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hinds adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm.