

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, March 22, 2021
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 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 22, 2021 at 6:00 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 – Kyle Hinds

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

1.04 Public Comment – Tiffany Nagai representing Starke County Farm Bureau presented a donation of agriculture books to the elementary school.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – Work Session 1-27-21, Regular Session 2-15-21, Work Session 3-2-21

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posing Reports 2/19/21, 3/5/21

Vendor Claims \$262,259.55 (2/26 & 3/22/21)

Payroll Claims \$362,057.22 (2/19, 3/5, & 3/19/21)

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests, Fundraisers, and Donations

Professional Leave

1/19/21, David Pinkhm, Porter Trust Board meeting

2/23/21, Jerry Miller, Boys Sectional Meeting

Field Trips

Senior Class Trip to Wisconsin Dells 4/23-4/26/21

Facility Use

Starke County Youth Club, Elementary Rooms 126, 127, Cafeteria, Library, Garden Area, 6/14-7/1/21

Fundraisers

1/25/21, Carnation sales during lunch by Student Council for Homecoming

3/1-3/31/21, Fan Cloth by Baseball team for field improvement

4/21-4/23/21, Dress Up Days week of Drama Club Production, fund future productions

Donations

New flags and flag stands at the elementary school by the Sons of the American Legion
Donation to High School Student Incentives Fund by Kathy Roberts

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Megan Burch, Elementary Cheer Coach

New Hires

Tori Chessor, Jr. High Cheer Coach
Tori Chessor, Elementary Cheer Coach
Kim Saylor, Assistant Varsity Track Coach
Billie Cook, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach
Casi Fansler, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach
Kortney Niswander, Third Grade Maternity Leave
Matt Danford, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach
Chris Kisela, Volunteer JV Baseball Coach
Lee Nagai, Volunteer Elementary Basketball Coach
Savannah Sonaty, Dean Corey, Kris Hinds, Enrichment Coaches
Elizabeth Cooper, Preschool/Kinderarten Readiness Teacher

Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence to add to the Consent Agenda item 2.03 Field Trip for the Senior Trip. Second was by Ms. Ecker.

Mr. Bennett commented that Kortney Niswander is a current student teacher that will be finishing up in April and will be a great fit for the Third Grade maternity leave opening. He also added that there were two candidates that applied for the Preschool position and he is recommending Mrs. Cooper for the position.

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Nagai abstaining.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with the Association of Indiana Counties Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System

Mr. Bennett explained that this is a program to assist the school in collecting money owed to the school. It is an alternative to using a collection agency or going through small claims court. What it does is allows the school to claim the money before a parent receives their state tax refund. It does not go against their credit.

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

3.02 Recommendation to approve the summer Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE)

Ms. Kubacki explained the program to those in attendance.

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

3.03 Recommendation to Invest in CD with First National Bank of Monterey

Motion to approve investing \$300,000 into a CD with the interest rate at .40% was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve changes to 2021-2022 Calendar

The main change is starting a week later with the first student day being August 12. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve purchase of new floor scrubber for the corporation

The quote selected was the lowest of three quotes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai, second was made by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to approve a HS Girls Softball Club for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion was made to approve a HS Girls Softball Club for the 2020-2021 School Year with the intent of establishing a Varsity team for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

3.07 Recommendation to approve Jr. High Girls Softball Club for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

5.01 FFA Report – Ms. Kubacki delivered a wonderful presentation on the classes she is teaching. She also commented that she has 26 students enrolled in her dual credit course with Ivy Tech and will only be recommending that two students withdraw from the dual credit portion at this time. She also informed the Board that there are over 40 students in FFA presently.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Mr. Bennett reported that Enrichment will start after Spring Break. He has spoken to Dave Janey for the review of the HVAC project and anticipates them being at the school sometime this week. Last weekend the baseball team cleaned up the ball field and surrounding area. Painting of the dugouts will occur after the weather warms up. Mr. Bennett wanted to give a big thank you to Healthline and Mrs. Huitt for the covid clinic they ran for the staff last Friday. We had about 24 staff members take advantage of this opportunity. Mr. Bennett also reported that this is a busy time for grant work and he was working today on the small rural school grant. In addition to the baseball field, the base paths and the mound are getting worn down and it is a safety issue. This will be taken care of soon. Quotes are coming for the backstop since the fence is rolled up, it is also safety issue.

Good news is with the America Recovery Act, Indiana schools are being told they will be receiving 2.2 times the amount of the second CARES bill. It could be close to a million dollars and the corporation will have until October 2024 to spend it. One of the stipulations is 20% has to be spent on interventions or catching up students.

Mr. Bennett wanted to congratulate the Elementary staff including Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Huitt, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Borton, Mrs. Cooper and Ms. Quinn for the outstanding Kindergarten Round Up. Thirty-two preschool packets were prepared and they ran out that night and had to make more copies.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Ms. Quinn reported that Mrs. Huitt gave them the ok from a Covid stand point to go ahead with swimming during the last nine weeks for grades 1-6.

Ms. Quinn will be meeting with the Enrichment Teachers, Mrs. Sonaty, Mrs. Hinds and Mr. Corey on Tuesday to help in identifying the students and how they will be split among them.

Preschool had 26 register that at Round up. Eight showed interest in all day, eleven in AM and six in PM and one that did not indicate a preference. Out of those all day, three indicated an interest in transportation, in the AM six indicated an interest and the PM had four that indicated interest in transportation. Also interesting to note there were 3 sets of twins that have signed up.

Kindergarten had sixteen kids register, six out of district and one out of district but grandparents live in district and would be transporting from their house.

Mrs. Awald thanked the Board for their support of the baseball team. What is exciting is there are enough students interested to have a JV team this year. In other business at the Jr/Sr High School, they have been working on the course description guide which will be coming to the Board in April.

Important dates coming up are Prom on May 8 and Awards and National Honor Society induction on May 19 at 5:30. Jr. High awards will be during the day.

The Jr. High National Honor Society application has been sent in and the school is waiting for approval. Mrs. Awald is working on advisors.

Graduation will be on June 5 at 10:00 AM. It is planned for outside and will be moved inside if necessary due to weather.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai asked for an update on the swimming scoreboard. Mr. Bennett replied without Mr. Miller there he could not say too much but will be getting with him on Tuesday and will let the Board know what he discovers. He also wanted to know if there is still a yearbook class and do they sell ads. Mrs. Awald responded that it is now the student media class and yes they do and she would let Mrs. Bradway, the sponsor, know that he is interested.

Mr. Nagai also asked if there is a complete collection of yearbooks in the library. Mrs. Awald responded that she does not believe every year is in the library. Mr. Nagai suggested reaching out to alumni for missing editions and also wondered about including Grovertown and Hamlet yearbooks.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Next Board Meeting will be April 26, 2021

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion of adjournment. Mr. Nagai made that motion with Ms. Ecker seconding. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Christopher Lawrence, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver