

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, July 25, 2022
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 a Regular Session on Monday evening, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Brandie Ecker

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – led by Brandie Ecker

1.03 Roll Call – Present: Brandie Ecker, Ben Lady, Terry Minix, Lee Nagai; Absent: Kyle Hinds

1.04 Public Comment – none

Ms Ecker asked for a motion to add Addendum item to consent agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Minix, 2nd by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 4-0.

One item is being removed from personnel recommendations. Janet Berkin resignation was pulled.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

June 20, 2022

July 12, 2022

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Fund Transfer 6/30/22

Fund Transfer 6/6/22

Deduction Checks Posting Report 6/10/22

Deduction Checks Posting Report 6/24/22

Deduction Checks Posting Report 7/8/22

Vendor Claims 6/29/22

Vendor Claims 7/25/22

Payroll Claims 6/24/22

Payroll Claims 7/8/22

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

Professional Leave

Field Trips

Facility Use

8/18-5/26/23 Starke Co. Youth Club after school program

Fundraisers

8/20-8/21/22, FFA Selling bobcat ears and lemon shake ups at Yellowstone Trail Festival, fund chapter kickoff

9/9-9/30/22, FFA selling chapter 5-shirts, fund chapter & state dues for low income Members

10/21/22, FFA, 4th Annual Pumpkin and Cider Night, fund chapter activities during National Convention

Donations

Donations received for the Athletic Department in memory of Larry Burger, \$200.00

Donation received for FFA from Farm Fertilizer, \$180.60

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

Tara Pitts, Elementary Paraprofessional

Ricardo Nava, Varsity Soccer Coach

Jami Hurford, Jr. Varsity Volleyball Coach

Suzanne Eli, Special Education Teacher

Retirements

Resignations

Janet Berkin, Full-time bus driver

Kendra Ohime, Band/Music teacher

Mr. Bennett mentioned that he is grateful to this community for their generosity in supporting the school and programs.

Ms. Duvall introduced Suzanne Eli as our new special education teacher. She is familiar with staff and students as she has been in the school working for Bowen Center. She is in the transition to teaching program but does not have her degree in psychology.

Motion to approve consent agenda with the Janet Berkin resignation removed was made by Mr. Nagai with a second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Faculty Handbooks for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion to approve Faculty Handbook for the Elementary for the 2022-2023 School Year. No major changes. Changed some items in health areas per nurse's discretion. Policy for visitors in the building is not in the handbook but will be revised.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mini, second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Recommendation to Approve Student Handbooks for the 2022-2023 School Year

Ms. Quinn will be adding a note on grades in reference to page 16 on scale based recording. Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Elementary Student Handbooks was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 4-0.

3.03 Recommendation to Approve K12 Tech to Provide Insurance for Staff and Student Devices

This company we have used for at least 4 years. They cover devices that are not under Apple Care. All Chromebooks will be covered under this plan. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report – Info on the Dome repair. The company will cover the cost of the product since it was still under warranty. The corporation will be responsible for the labor cost.

Playground update – Mulch has been spread and pea gravel has been removed. Basketball hoops are on the way and little houses are being built on playground. Swings are 7-8 weeks out and we are waiting for plastic timbers. One more load of mulch is coming and then Frank will re-install swings that were removed.

Bus routes have been evaluated to make them as efficient as possible.

August 9, 7:30 will be the corporation breakfast, board members are invited. August 10 will be the open house/cookout from 5:30 – 6:30.

6.02 Principal's Report – Ms. Quinn reported Preschool last year had thirty-nine students, twenty-seven of those students are now enrolled in Kindergarten, one student was out of district, six are not coming back but going to other districts (four of those lived in other districts) six are staying in preschool this year. This year there are forty-eight students enrolled in preschool with six returning from last year. Only three students are out of district- they attended last year and are coming back. The three-year old class is on hold at this time. Twenty-two students are all-day students.

We have forty-two kindergartners. We have three hundred twenty-two students including kindergarten, eight students are not returning because they moved, three hundred fourteen students including pre K, taking them out we have two hundred sixty-eight students, seven are not registered yet. We have twenty-two new to district, nineteen of which are in district (does not include kindergarten.)

Jumpstart had almost fifty kids in grades K-6.

Ms. Duvall – Seventh grade jumpstart will begin on August 2nd.

On July 28 Ms. Hensley, Mrs. Marsh and Ms. Duvall will be attending a CTE meeting in Plymouth.

New teacher orientation will be August 3. Spanish and band are the positions still open.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai asked about where we are with corporation wide calendar schedule. Ms. DuVall said there is a school wide dual calendar at the high school. Mr. Bennett will need to get permission to see the high school calendar. Mr. Nagai is looking for one that could be online and available to parents.

An insurance question that was brought up at the last meeting is being worked on. He would like to see the scoreboard in the pool working.

He also asked about school lunches since they are not free anymore. If they are on free/reduced they will be free lunches.

Mr. Nagai asked about fiscal projections. Mr. Bennett said we should be in good shape. He passed out the budget worksheet for them.

He would like to see a staff directory. It will be updated as soon as all of the new staff is entered.

He will be speaking with our state rep about the graduation rates and how schools are dinged.

Mr. Minix asked about the security grant. Mr. Bennett replied we still have not heard on that hopefully around August 15th we will hear. Mr. Bennett has received all of the quotes on the doors that need to be replaced. The quote on the doors and the film will take us close to the \$50,000.

He also asked about a drain outside of the home economics door that looked like it was bubbling an oily liquid.

The junior high passing period will not happen this year. This is a number one priority for next year by Ms. DuVall.

Mr. Minix mentioned a video on Starke County by Mary Perrin that was very good.

Mr. Lady asked about the maintenance budget and wondered about scattering them throughout the year. Mr. Bennett said that he feels that after this summer we will have a better idea on how the work flow will work for him.

HVAC report will be at the August 8 meeting.

Mr. Nagai mentioned that PTA will be having a grain drive fund raiser which will be announced soon with funds going to the playground project.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: August 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Minix. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:12 pm.