

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1. Call to Order - Kyle Hinds

Due to the dedication of the book vending machine, the order of the meeting was changed.

1.02 Public Comment - Dedication of book vending machine at the elementary. Presented by Ms. Heather Quinn.

Hobie Martin is a name many know in Starke County. The endearing stories I have heard about Hobie during my 20 years at Oregon-Davis have enriched my soul. After a year at Ball State University, Hobie was drafted into the U.S Army. Upon his discharge as a Staff Sergeant in 1946, Hobie returned to Ball State and completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in business education and began his teaching career. Hobie then married Delores Addison, a teacher as well. Hobie was a member of the original Oregon-Davis School Board bringing Oregon and Davis townships together (from 1964-1970). Hobie's passion was in educating children and ensuring ALL students had ALL the materials they needed to be successful. After 5 years of teaching Hobie founded Farm Fertilizers Inc. in Hamlet. Farm Fertilizers then opened 3 more branches in Stillwell, Westville, and Bourbon. Hamlet Farm Fertilizers was one of the first five companies in Indiana to manufacture and blend liquid fertilizer. Even though he was now in the fertilizer industry he never let his passion for education dwindle. Hobie always made the students of Oregon-Davis his priority.

As a kid growing up in Hamlet, Indiana David Ferch knew Hobie Martin along with all the residents of Starke County. David and Hobie grew their friendship throughout the years while David worked for Hobie during the summers. It was years later that Hobie reached out to David about coming back to Farm Fertilizers to help run the plant. Today David along with his wife Terri extend the passion for education in Hobie's honor with our Bobcat Books Vending Machine. Students will be recognized for their Bobcat PRIDE with a coin to receive a Bobcat Book.

It is an honor to dedicate our Bobcat Books Vending Machine to Hobie Martin. Thank you, Farm Fertilizers and Seeds Inc., for making Hobie's dream a reality and for following in the footsteps of a truly marvelous gentleman.

Thank you to David, Terri and Nathan Ferch for cutting the ribbon on this new vending machine.

1.03 Pledge - led by Kyle Hinds

1.04 Roll Call - Kyle Hinds, Ben Lady, Brandie Ecker, Terry Minix, Lee Nagai

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to add addendum Item 2.04 to the Consent Agenda, two new hires, Kari Rush and Karson Steely. Motion was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Nagai. Motion passed 5-0

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Report 7/22/22

Vendor Claims 7/29/22

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

Professional Leave

Field Trips

Facility Use

Fundraisers

August, OD Volleyball, Raffle for Yeti Cooler

Donations

\$1000 for after school snacks from Santa's Workshop, First Presbyterian Church of Walkerton and United Methodist Church of Walkerton

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

Nancy Edwards, RTI, Upper End Elementary

Maiyah Czarnecki, Special Education Bus Aide

MacKenzi Lowry, Music and Band

Kimberly Wigley, AP/ High School English

Kari Rush, Bus Driver

Karson Steeley, Elementary Paraprofessional

Retirements

Resignations

Jessica Avarone, School Nurse

Lucretia Perry, Jr/Sr High Math

Jeff Messer, Food Service Director

Mr. Bennett noted the generosity of the community for the donation for the after-school program.

As far as the new hires, Kari Rush is coming to us from John Glenn where she has driven for several years. Jen Lewis is going to pull back from full time and will be continuing to sub for us. Ms. Duvall introduced MacKenzi Lowry as the new band director.

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Nagai. Mr. Nagai asked for all the new hires to be read. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Athletic and Coaches Handbook for 2022-23 School Year

Motion to approve these handbooks was made by Mr. Minix, second by Mr. Nagai. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to Approve Jr/Sr HS Faculty Handbook for 2022-23 School Year

Motion to table this recommendation was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to Approve Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr HS Student Handbook for 2022-23 School Year

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

3.04 Recommendation to Approve NIESC Agreement for Food Service Director Responsibilities

Motion to add this recommendation to the agenda. Motion made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Bennett gave a summary of how NIESC will take care of the food service director responsibilities.

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

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report - We will welcome teachers back tomorrow. Full day of meetings, meeting vendors in the morning, building level meetings in the afternoon. On Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:30 will be the open house.

Playground is coming along. The new hoops are up and look nice. We are about three weeks out for lines to be painted. Everything is coming along.

6.02 Principal's Report - Ms. Quinn reported that Mr. Briles will be the new 5th grade teacher. Ms. Niswander is now Ms. Eaton and will be taking the 5/6 split class. Ms. Heather invited the board to view the new kitchen as they leave.

Ms. DuVall - 7th grade has four new students, 8th has three, 9th has four, 10th has three new students, 11th has one and 12th has one new student. So, sixteen new students and we lost eleven, with another new student coming in tomorrow.

We have posted for the Lilly Scholarship and have three students applying.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai briefly talked about the HVAC project and the types of electrical services we have.

Mr. Minix asked if we are still waiting for information from the state on the security grant. Yes, we are. He also mentioned the railroad tracks across highway 30 that has no arm and with trees how difficult it is for buses to see when they stop before they cross. He will be talking to the county tomorrow to see about trimming back some of the growth. The number of buses we have and where they are parked was discussed next, including a discussion on the bus garage and the possibility of parking some of the buses in there. He also thanked Ms. Quinn for the get together last Friday night.

Mr. Lady asked about where we are at with the playground budget. Mr. Bennett did not have the figures with him but said we are still under \$100,000 with donations received. Phase 2 of the playground project was discussed with fundraisers, grants/donations aimed at asking for donations mentioned. Mr. Minix suggested reaching out to alumni.

Ms. Ecker asked where we are at with patronicity and community access as far as the insurance and lawyer. The insurance is ok, still waiting to hear from lawyer.

Mr. Hinds asked if we need more members for the Building Corporation. We have two and need more. Mr. Hinds also asked about adjusting public comment on the agenda. Mr. Nagai made a motion to have public comment after each action item before a vote is taken. Mr. Minix seconded the motion.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: Regular Board Meeting, August 22, 2022

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Minix made that motion; Ms. Ecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.