

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, August 22, 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 22, 2022 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 – Led by Kyle Hinds

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

1.04 Public Comment

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to add to the Consent Agenda Item 2.03 Field Trip for Ag/FFA and 2.04 Jessica Surma for Nursing Duties

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai and seconded by Ms. Ecker. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

7-25-22 Minutes

8-8-22 Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

8-5-22 Deduction Checks Posting Report

8-22-22 Vendor Claims

7-22-22 Payroll Claims

8-5-22 Payroll Claims

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

Professional Leave

Field Trips

9-16-22, Grade 4 to Trail of Courage, Rochester, IN

9-10-22, Ag/FFA Livestock Skill-a-Thon Invitational, Hamilton Heights High School

Facility Use

Fundraisers

10-12, FFA Pumpkin & Cider Night (new date) fund Natl. Convention

10-1—10-31022, Culinary/FACS Rada Cutlery online sales, fund field trips, dinners and Classroom set of white chef coats

10-31, Drama Club, Costume/Hat Day for Halloween, fund future drama productions

11-11, Drama Club, Talent Show admission/concessions, fund future drama productions

Donations

Donation of \$1000.00 in memory of Larry Burger to the Athletic Dept for scoreboard Controls

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Non-Certified Personnel returning for the 2022-2023 School Year

New Hires/Appointments

Reva DeFranco, Cafeteria

Lori Morris, Cafeteria

Amanda Hill, Paraprofessional at the Jr/Sr High School

Alexandria Taylor, Junior High Volleyball Coach

Cassidy Stout, Junior High Volleyball Coach

Maxwell Lawrence, Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach

Nicholas Joyner, Jr/Sr High Math and 8th Grade Social Studies

Rachel Moore, Jr/Sr HS Dishwasher

Jessica Surma, Corporation Nurse

Retirements

Resignations

Lisa Glennon, Elementary Teacher

Mr. Bennett was very appreciative of the donation received for the athletic department.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Nagai and seconded by Mr. Minix. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Food Service Restructuring and Responsibilities Plan

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Lady. Motion carried 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to Approve Neola Policy 0167.3 Public Participation

Motion to approve excluding rule C was made by Ms. Ecker, second was by Mr Lady. Motion carried 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to Approve Summer Food Service Stipends

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

3.04 Recommendation to Approve Jami McDaniel as Food Service On-Site Food Service Director

Mrs. McDaniel will be the point of contact for NIESC. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Minix, second by Mr. Lady. Motion carried 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to Approve Revised Budget Calendar

Ms. Ecker will not be able to attend the meeting on September 12. Mr. Lady also has a conflict on that day as does Mr. Hinds. Discussion revolved around moving the time back to 7:00 to resolve the conflict issues.

Motion to approve the calendar was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Nagi. Motion carried 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to Approve Additional Days for Aubrey Lady

Due to Mrs. Miller's maternity leave, Mrs. Lady will be picking up extra duties during this time to support Ms. DuVall at the high school and Mrs. Steeley at the elementary. Ms. Ecker was concerned about overloading Mrs. Lady. Mr. Bennett appreciated the concern and said Mrs. Miller will be doing some things from home and the supervision of Mrs. Steeley may only be one or two days per week.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Ms. Ecker. Motion carried 3-0-2 with Mr. Lady and Mr. Minix abstaining.

3.07 Recommendation to Approve Increase in Athletic Officials Pay

The pay is being increased by \$5.00 per event to help in obtaining officials. This will be reviewed again to see if another increase will be needed in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Minix, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

5.01 Curriculum Report – Joe Veger

Mr. Veger reviewed the SkillsUSA organization and said he would have officers from the high school and jr. high school. The car show fundraiser will be October 1. He is planning to build this into a Chapter of Excellence which requires a certain number of meetings, community

service and fundraisers during the year. Last year they received a grant from TechPoint which helped the middle school robotics team. Teams are six members and for Skills they are two member teams so that six would make three teams and they need to complete in at least one competition this year.

He mentioned that only vertical construction is taught at high schools and what is needed is horizontal construction, building roads, bridges, sidewalks. This type of construction (civil construction) is hungry for workers. Hamilton Heights and Griffith are the only schools in the state that offer this type of instruction. Mr. Veger is researching this and hopes to be able to bring it here.

At this point Ms. Quinn introduced Mrs. Jessica Surma who was approved on the Consent Agenda to be the corporation's nurse. She has a four year RN degree and is currently working at LaPorte Hospital and will be returning to school to be a nurse practitioner. She will be the nurse that will oversee the on-campus individual at the school.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report – A really good start to the school year and thanked everyone for making this a very smooth transition to the new school year. Mr. Bennett will be sending out dates to the Board to review to set a time for the budget workshop. ADM as of today is 496 with three students we send to Knox so that brings us up to 499. We are up about 20 students from last year at this time. Count day is September 16. Yesterday the Band and FFA participated in the Yellowstone Trail Festival Parade. The band sounds great. JMA will have a report to us in the next few days and will be on the agenda for the 12th of September. Thank you to Hensler's Nursery for letting us use their trailer for the band in the parade.

6.02 Principal's Report – Ms. Quinn reported on an opportunity for the Cheryl Welter Foundation radiothon that is coming up. She was approached by an anonymous donor that challenged the school to raise \$500 for this they will match that \$500 and a \$1000 donation will go to the radiothon in Oregon-Davis' name. There will be a Hat Day on Thursday and Jean Day on Friday. School picture day is Wednesday. No tech Tuesdays are in full swing. The playground had lines painted today. The book vending machine has had its first couple of visitors this week. They were very excited. A shout out to all the teachers and staff at the elementary. The comments she has heard walking through the hallways have been very positive. Enrollment is up. Patronicity will start September 1.

Ms. DuVall reported on the newsletter that is going out to staff. She included a three question survey to the staff so they can reach out to staff members that need. Cell phone contract is going well with students. The students know what the consequences are before they happen. The FFA has pulled some of the elementary 4H members to participate in the livestock still a thon.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai followed up on graduation items. He had a conversation with DOE and said some paperwork needs to be completed on a student that can be removed from our cohort which will

push our graduation rate up to 95%. Other items discussed were the pool scoreboard, elementary PE students in the pool, and utilization of the bus barn.

Mr. Minix echoed that he has heard nothing but positive statements about the start of the school year from kids and parents. The golf outing was Saturday, Nagai farms donated the hog and he appreciates all the donations. On the train track visibility issue, he had the county go out and the pushed the wrong tree down but they will take care of that. As far as the security questions he had, the corporation is still waiting for word on the grant. He asked how the air conditioning in the rest of the buildings. The elementary is warm and we are limping into winter with air conditioner.

Mr. Lady put on his parent hat and said he had received a phone call and voicemail from Ms. Quinn. His son had two rough days at preschool and the third day the call was to let him know that his son was doing a great job. It meant alot to him as a parent to get a call like that. Ms. Quinn tries to do that for anyone that needs it. Loved the three question survey from Ms. DuVall. He asked about nurse responsibilites. Mr. Bennett answered that she will review all state reports that are sent in, she wants to be as active as possible. She will be available for questions to the person on campus.

Ms. Ecker seconded Mr. Lady on the great idea of the three question survey.

Mr. Hinds has heard nothing but positives on the start of the school year.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: September 12 and September 26.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Minix, second by Mr. Lady. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:14 pm.