

# **OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
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 Wednesday evening, March 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

## **1. Meeting Opening**

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1.01 Call to Order - Ben Lady

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – led by Ben Lady

1.03 Roll Call – Ben Lady, Kurt Hayes, Lee Nagai, Terry Minix, Kyle Hinds

1.04 Public Comment – Mr. Lady turned time over to Mrs. Holly Lonigro to read a statement she had prepared in regards safety in relation to an incident with her child. The school board and Mr. Bennett apologized to Mrs. Lonigro and Mr. Bennett thanked Mrs. Lonigro for her solutions to the problem. More training and will be done to try to ensure the incident she described does not happen again.

Next Mrs. Tiffany Nagai, representing Starke County Farm Bureau, presented a \$500 check to Ms. Quinn and Mr. Bennett to fund the third grade Fair Oaks Farm Fieldtrip. Thank you to Mrs. Nagai and the Starke County Farm Bureau for their support of our students.

## **2. Consent Agenda**

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2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2/15/23 Regular Meeting Minutes

3/1/23 Work Session

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Report 2/17/23, 3/3/23

Vendor Claims 2/28/23, 3/15/23

Payroll Claims 2/17/23, 3/3/23

Fund Transfer Posting 2/28/23

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

Professional Leave

2/28/23 E. Cooper, C. Minix, K. Hinds, S. Lucas, Prof. Dev. Niesc, Mishawka

3/6/23, Dale Tafelski, CTE Professional Development, Plymouth High School

3/14/23, E. DuVall, State Board of Accounts ECA Virtual Workshop

3/14/23, K. Hinds, H. Quinn, E. Cooper, C. Minix, S. Lucas, ELA Committee

Observation, Walkerton Elementary School

3/29/23, Band to Manchester University

3/29/23, Nicholas Joyner, Manchester University with Band

4/11-12/23, C. Miller, E. DuVall, Title Conference, Plainfield  
5/5/23, C. Dietrich, E. Cooper, IN Early Childhood Conference, Indianapolis  
5/18/23, E. Byers, J. McDaniel, Food Service to Choose Vendors

#### Field Trips

3/28/23, Jr. High PE to Plymouth Skate Center  
3/29/23, Band Grades 7-12, Manchester University  
4/14-15/23, SkillsUSA, Indianapolis, Skills USA State Conference

#### Facility Use

4/21/23, OD PTA, Gymnasium and Cafeteria from 5-7 pm

#### Fundraisers

3/2/23, Culinary Class, Silent Auction during parent/teacher conferences  
3/20-4/20/23, Band Boosters, Snacks sale, repair instruments & supplies  
3/27-3/30/23, Culinary, Turkey Noodle Meal and bread sale, fund trips and lab items  
3/29/23, Class of '25, Bake Sale during home baseball games, fund prom 2024  
4/14/23, Class of '25, Cookies & Canvas, raise funds for prom 2024 and art dept activities  
4/15/23, FFA, Garage/rummage sale, raise funds for Ag Day  
4/29/23, SkillsUSA, Spring Auto & Bike Show  
4/29/23, SkillsUSA, concessions at the auto and bike show

#### Donations

### 2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

#### Resignations

Cariana Swihart, Custodian

#### New Hires and/or appointments

Emily Smith, Custodian  
Jesiah Clemons, Nathan Werner, Enrichment Coaches  
Jennifer Noble, Sub Coordinator/Media Center Paraprofessional  
Karson Steeley, JH Softball Coach  
Tony McCallum JH Baseball Coach  
Richard Hernandez, Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

Mr. Bennett highlighted some of the professional leaves, that will be taking place along with the individuals that will be working with our students in the Elementary and in extra-curricular positions. Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mr. Nagai seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **3. Discussion/Action Items**

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#### 3.01 Recommendation to Approve the 2023-2024 Calendar

Mr. Hinds made a motion to approve the calendar and Mr. Minix seconded the motion. Mr. Bennett said that the only change on the calendar was to adjust the Fall Break to coincide with the other Jesse and vocational area schools. He did ask if the Board would like to table this item since after discussions with the teachers that afternoon there was some interest on moving graduation from Saturday to Sunday. Mr. Lady asked if Mr. Hinds and Mr. Minix would like to amend their motion to table this item, which they did. Motion passed 5-0.

### 3.02 Recommendation to Approve 2023 Summer School Classes and Schedule

Mr. Bennett asked each principal to explain their recommendations which are outlined in their recommendation included in these minutes. Motion to approve by Mr. Minix, second by Mr. Nagai. Motion passed 5-0.

## **4. Other Business**

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## **5. Curriculum**

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## **6. Reports**

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6.01 Superintendent Report – Mr. Bennett- spring break is eleven days away. Centegix is active and training will be taking place on March 28. This is an alert system that will allow staff to activate the alert system for different incidents and also improve response time to the incident and Oregon-Davis is one of the first in the state to have this system. Oregon-Davis is funding the first year and next year it will be written into the safety grant.

Mr. Bennett met with Mr. Lonigro to review summer projects. Items discussed were new roof on the track pavilion and restrooms, crack and seal the asphalt in the parking lot, look at pick up lanes at the elementary, carpet that needs to be finished in the elementary and also looking to the future carpet needs in the high school. Also discussed was the gym floor screening.

6.02 Principal's Report – Ms. Quinn Iread results are in but cannot be disclosed publically yet but she said she feels they will be very pleased. Elementary talent show will be March 30th and there are 14 acts scheduled. April 20th will be the annual Three Star Banquet. Friday the elementary will have a pipes and drums performance from the group from Culver, we have a 4th grade student that plays bagpipes in the group and they will be performing Friday at 9:30 in the elementary. Update on the playground, a representative from the company we purchased from will be in the area to see the space and make plans for the arrival of the equipment.

Ms. DuVall wanted everyone to know that Ms. Quinn writes a note on every child's report card in the elementary and she thought that was important for the Board to know that. The strawberry sale has concluded. OD is working with Simon Speed Shop for the online apparel sale and she will update us when that is active. Mrs. Gillard she was the chapter winner for the Daughters of the American Revolution History Teacher of the Year and she placed third in the state. We have many field trips going on right now. There is a new diploma for students with IEP's so certificates of completion will not be used anymore. They are creating processes for early graduates, forms for school to work applications, course description guide and applications for student aides in the office. Mrs. Hensely does a great job working with students to keep them on track with their academics but we are working with Bowen Center to get full-time counseling in the school for students that need it with their parents permission. This would be a no additional cost to the school.

## **7. Board Comments**

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Mr. Hinds – regarding summer projects, he suggested we get ballads where the kids stand to separate them from the pick up lanes. He mentioned that a professional in a suit was trying to find access to the high school and was directed to the front door of the high school to enter in the correct door, even though he was not happy to have to walk around the staff member did the right thing in directing him to the office entrance. Mr. Hinds has a check from Bellman Oil for \$250 to ensure that every child can participate in Frozen Fridays.

Mr. Minix – said he would like to see some kind of recognition for the top five or ten students that highlight an influential teacher. He also likes the idea of a teacher of the year.

Mr. Nagai – For graduation he would really like to see all of the teachers attend especially the high school teachers. He still has not been contacted for a yearbook ad. He said he had talked with the county highway superintendent about redoing a half mile of 600 east to Highway 23 and they need a place to put about 500 loads of muck. If anyone is interested in the muck they need to let Mr. Dipert know.

Mr. Lady – Knox Fertilizer has some ideas about fundraisers for the school and would be willing to donate fertilizer or plant food and he would be the contact for that. Mr. Lady asked if anyone is in a design class that could help with the OD apparel project. We do have a student in the graphics class at Knox that could work on something like that.

Mr. Lady encouraged community involvement. There are various things that have been implemented at the high school and elementary regarding safety such as the protective film on the windows, centegix which was discussed earlier, Raptor system for scanned ID for entrance, safety is at the forefront at Oregon-Davis. Unfortunately we failed in a process that affected Mrs. Lonigro's son but we will continue to discuss behind closed doors. I would also encourage abrasion of the process and not of people. Mr. Lady encouraged the public to bring items concerning them to the school board even though it may not be a line item discussion, processes can be discussed. Mr. Bennett also added that discussion of personnel cannot happen in a public meeting, but processes and solutions can be discussed.

## **8. Future Meetings**

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8.01 Board Meeting: April 5, 2023, April 19, 2023. April 5 is over spring break. It could possibly be a work session.

## **9. Adjournment**

Mr. Minix made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Nagai seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm