

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM
Minutes

Oregon-Davis Administration Building Board Room, 5998 N 750 E, Hamlet, IN 46532

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order-Mr. Lady

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance-Mr. Lady

1.03 Roll Call All Present, Mr. Nagai arrived at 6:32 pm.

1.04 Public Comment – will be taken prior to each vote

Recommendation to add addendum 2.03 Facility Use, Oregon-Davis PTA Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser.

A motion to approve the addendum was made by Mr. Hinds, seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes -

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports-

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

Field Trips

College Visit Field Trip, Mrs. Gillard's Classes

Facility Use

Fundraisers

Donations

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Assignments

Resignations

Mr. Bennett discussed that the college visit field trip would cost the students \$50, due to this being an overnight field trip. However, Vincennes was graciously providing lunch and the fuel for the field trip. Students will visit a few universities as well as the state's first capital in Corydon.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Hinds, seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Early Literacy Achievement Grant.

Mr. Bennett shared that we have a new grant for this year based on IREAD 3 scores to reward schools that are high performing in this area. The stipend will go to 7 individuals. The stipend can only go to individuals who directly impacted the IREAD 3 scores. Oregon-Davis received a considerable amount, roughly \$17,000, which was how much the other county school received combined. Great job to our staff.

Mr. Lawrence asked how many staff that left would have qualified? Mr. Bennett mentioned we would have had at least 3 more people qualify. Mr. Lawrence noted that this is a nice stipend that serves as a retention tool. Mr. Bennett agreed and shared that was the thinking of the state legislature when they passed the legislation.

A motion to approve the action item was made by Mr. Nagai, seconded by Mr. Hinds. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bennett shared he did not have a lot of new information to share, however, did highlight that the admin team met with Ancilla and Lona Singleton at Ancilla/Marian. Ancilla will be starting a bachelor's program in Elementary Education next year. We discussed continuing to host those students when they had practicums or students teaching assignments as well as we learned about their early bird classes. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to pick up 4 or 5 courses during their HS career at night. The cost is only \$75 per course and can be taken at night. This would allow students to complete a semester or more of college if students took advantage of our dual credit courses offered at the school.

6.02 Principal's Reports

7. Board Comments

Mr. Minix asked what our plans were for April 8, 2024 for the solar eclipse. Mr. Bennett responded that we have purchased glasses for students to view. We have been in contact with area schools, and Knox was going to make a decision soon if they were going to dismiss early. As of now we are planning on being in session, however, we will be making that final decision in the next week.

Mr. Minix noted that he heard NJSP was dismissing early, and Tri-Township was closing.

Mr. Nagai mentioned he has been working on what our generator needs would be given the most recent power outage. Mr. Bennett noted that Mr. Lonigro has also been getting quotes to see what the cost would be for a back-up generator for essential services. Mr. Nagai also asked if we were a designated Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Mr. Bennett responded that he did some research, and we are not. Past employees had stated we were, but after checking, we are not. We will continue to explore if there are any grants available for generators, and will reach out to Tori Chessor, Starke County EMA Director, to see if she knows of any programs to assist with this cost.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: March 20, 2024 (Discussion was had that this was not a good night, so Mr. Bennett was going to try to find an alternate date.)

9. Adjournment

10. Notice

10.01 The Board's meeting site is fully accessible to all persons. Any person requiring further accommodations should contact the Superintendent with the School Corporation's administrative office at 5998 N 750 E, Hamlet, IN 46532, 574-867-2111, wbennett@od.k12.in.us.

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