

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Wednesday, April 19, 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, April 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Ben Lady

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - Ben Lady

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

1.04 Public Comment – will be taken prior to each vote

Mr. Hayes made a motion to add the addendum items to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Nagai seconded the motion.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes
Regular Meeting, 3-15-23

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
Deduction Checks Posting Report, 3/3/23, 3/31/23, 4/14/23
Vendor Claim Listing 3/31/23, 4/19/23
Payroll Claim Listing 3/17/23, 3/29/23, 4/14/23

2.03 Approval of Travel, Facility Requests, Fundraisers, and Donations
Professional Leave
3/24/23, Dawn Lawrence, Sarah Lucas, Planning Assessments, in-house
4/13/23, Jessica Marsh, Community Service @ Millers Merry Manor, Walkerton
4/28/23, Jessica Marsh, NAHS Art Field Trip to Purdue, West Lafayette

Field Trips
4/13/23, 7th & 8th grade art students to Millers in Walkerton, community outreach
4/21/23, HS Counselor & Comm Partner Workshop, PNW Westville
4/25/23, FFA Livestock Evaluation , Elkhart, IN
4/27/23, Food Science Class to South Bend Chocolate Company
4/28/23, Natl. Honor Art Society to Purdue, West Lafayette
5/3/23, Grade 2 to Science Central in Fort Wayne
5/17 or 5/23/23, Kindergarten to Potawatomi Zoo

5/20/23, Grade 12 to Six Flags Great America for Senior Grad Night
5/24/23, 12th Grade, Zao Island, Senior Celebration

Facility Use

4/30/23, Cub Pack 235, Elementary Gym, 10 am – 6 pm
5/6-5/7/23, Jr. Parents, Cafeteria and Gym for After Prom Activities
6/5-7/14/23, SCYC, Rooms 126, 127, Gym, Pool and Playground for summer program
11/14/23, Purdue Extension, HS Cafeteria and 4-5 classrooms for Area X
Crops/Entomology/ Forestry CDE

Fundraisers

4/10/23, Fan Cloth sales online for Varsity Baseball
4/29/23, Band, Fun Fair and Concessions at Skills Car Show, parking lot

Donations

\$75.00 to Athletic Department by Curtis Simpkins in memory of Jim Berg
\$500.00 to Elementary School General Fund
\$250.00 from Oliver Ford and \$50.00 from Langfeldt & Payne for Skills USA

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

James Mangold, Volunteer Jr. High Baseball Coach

Retirements

Jodi Pucel, Elementary Teacher

Resignations

Stacey Wolber, bus driver
Kimberly Wigley, English Teacher

Mr. Bennett highlighted fieldtrips. The seventh and eighth grade trip to Millers Merry Manor has been rescheduled due to the power outage we had at the school last Thursday.

He wished Mrs. Pucel the best in her retirement. Mrs. Wolber had to resign for medical reasons and he wishes her the best. Mrs. Wigley was set to resign at the end of the school year but had to move it up for family reasons.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve Fletcher Carpet for Elementary Carpeting

This will nearly complete the carpet replacement cycle at the elementary school leaving only 2 rooms left to replace. The corporation has used Fletchers in the past with very good results and pricing.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to Approve Changes to the 2023-2024 Calendar

Changes to the calendar include separating the high school and elementary parent/teacher conferences to different nights, adding an extra day to Fall Break and changing graduation to Sunday afternoon in 2024.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hinds and second was by Mr. Minix. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to Approve Standard Operation Procedure for ODSC Police Dept.

This recommendation had been tabled in November. With further discussions among the board answering questions they had submitted Mr. Lady called for a motion to approve. That motion was made by Mr. Hinds with Mr. Minix seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to Approve Parking Lot Coating

After a brief discussion on quotes received and scope of work requested Mr. Lady asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Hinds made that motion with second from Mr. Minix. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

4.01 Annual Performance Report – Mr. Bennett projected the Annual Performance Report for the Board and audience to view. After a brief discussion the meeting continued to section 5.0.

5. Curriculum

5.01 Testing – This was a presentation on the Strengthening Bobcats program that has been occurring at the Elementary School. Mrs. Hinds worked with 13 third grade students. Average attendance was 70% and out of the 13 students, 12 passed the Iread test.

Mrs. Edwards worked with grades 4, 5 and 6 and split the grade levels up a bit. She had 11 fourth grade students and 10 fifth and sixth grade students. They worked on reading, writing and math skills and she reported that they were always eager to be in attendance and worked hard.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report – Mr. Bennett reported that more mulch for the playground will be arriving on Thursday. He interviewed a potential bus driver, Sonja Fisher who drove the special education route for Knox. She will be renewing her yellow card and could start on the short bus until she has her card. All the bus drivers have been very helpful to cover the routes.

Scill is still hoping to offer the CDL class in about 2 months and hopefully will be coordinating with county government employees to help them obtain their CDL. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Nagai are both signed up for the inaugural class.

Mr. Bennett gave a big thank you to Ms. Quinn and Ms. DuVall for their work during the power outage on Thursday. Mr. Bennett was out of town and they coordinated getting students fed and dismissed.

6.02 Principal's Report - Ms. Quinn expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Pucel always had high expectations for her students and she will be missed. She also said she had ridden the bus with Stacey and Stacey had the biggest heart for her students and will be greatly missed also.

Playground equipment is here and will be installed at the end of May. Ilearn starts Tuesday and will be done a little differently this year with small groups taking the test so that teachers and aides can keep them on task. The Three Star Banquet was held tonight and Ms. Quinn thanked Staff and Board members for coming.

Ms. Quinn also reported on the Title Con that she, Ms. DuVall, Mrs. Miller and Mrs Minix attended. This was about title grants and a new format for Ilearn which will fall into what the format for assessments is already at the elementary school.

Ms. Quinn reported that her teachers knew exactly what to do during the power outage and did not miss a beat.

Kindergarten roundup had 30 preschoolers register and also a waitlist was started for three year olds. The final evaluation for preschool will take place on April 26 and the staff has been very cooperative in doing whatever was required to meet the standards necessary for preschool. Kindergarten had 35 children registred which does not include 10 students that are already in preschool and will continue to Kindergarten. Three preschoolers did not make the age cut for Kindergarten and will stay in preschool. Kindergarten numbers are going up because of preschool.

Ms. Duvall reiterated comments made about field trips that she too feels it is a good learning experience for students to get out of the four walls of school and see the world outside of their home county. She is sad about losing Mrs. Wigley but has some ideas for a teacher. Title Con really helper her to learn the ins and outs of the title grants. She too expressed how well the teachers stepped up and helped out during the power outage.

The Spring Play will be this Friday and Saturday at 6:30. Three weeks of testing has started at her building. She shared an important dates document with the staff and board and those will be updated as necessary. Six students were inducted into National Junior Honor Society recently and will be completing some of their community service work in May. Seven students went to the SkillsUSA conference.

As far as what they are working on as a staff in the Jr/Sr High School, they are emphasizing consistency with students.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Nagai asked if anyone was following a bill at the statehouse that would eliminated funding for CTE. Mr. Bennett said he would follow up on that. He asked about uniforms for custodians, Mr. Lonigro expressed that he could not see paying for uniforms until their pay was up to where it should be. Mr. Nagai also asked if there are plans to recognize Mrs. Pucel and Mrs. Wolber, Mr. Bennett said they would be recognized. He thanked Ms. Quinn and the elementary staff for the Three Star Banquet. He thanked Stacey Wolber for her service to the school and students. He also felt the board should be thinking about a school master plan.

Mr. Minix asked about a follow up to a question he had at an earlier meeting concerning Drivers Ed and summer PE. Ms. DuVall replied that Mr. Ash is teaching Drivers Ed through an outside company and it looks like they could possibly have summer PE set up for next summer. He also asked about the top 10 of 5 students recognizing teachers. Ms. DuVall is working on something for teacher and staff recognition. With the small number of teachers she did not want to create an environment where there could be animosity.

Mr. Hayes asked about an update on the HVAC system. Mr. Lonigro replied that they should have information for them at the next board meeting.

Mr. Lady asked about a follow up to an incident that was discussed at a previous meeting and wondered if SCYC was able to access the application they discussed. Ms. Quinn replied that they had access and an explanation how to use it the very next day.

Mr. Hinds wondered if there was a way to incentivize staff to train to become bus drivers.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: May 3, 2023

9. Adjournment

Mr. Lady asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Minix made that motion with Mr. Nagai seconding the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.