

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Regular School Board Meeting 5:00 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, December 20, 2023, at 5:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Mr. Nagai

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – led by Mr. Nagai

1.03 Roll Call – Lee Nagai, Ben Lady, Kyle Hinds, Terry Minix, Mr. Hayes Absent

1.04 Public Comment – will be taken prior to each vote.

Motion to add addendum item 2.03 Fundraisers to Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Hinds, seconded by Mr. Lady. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – December 6, 2023

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports – 12-20-23 Vendor Claims

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

Professional Leave

Field Trips

Facility Use

Fundraisers

12-19-23 Operation Lend a Hand

Donations

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

New Hires/Appointments

Alivia Jensen, English Teacher

Retirements

Resignations

Janet Berkin, Bus Driver

Amanda Navarro received her yellow card on Monday, so we had a bus driver ready to go to fill the position.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mr. Lady, seconded by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to Approve School Board Policy #9800 Challenges to Library, Media, and other Supplemental Materials

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Lady, seconded by Mr. Hinds. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Report – Contractors will be here on Thursday for another walk through in preparation for getting ready for the project this summer. There do not appear to be any issues at this time with delivery schedules.

Bus 1 made its maiden voyage this week and has passed all inspections.

Mr. Bennett complemented the high school and elementary school for great music programs.

Mr. Bennett would like to bring a calendar in January for next year. He shared the Knox calendar with teachers and asked if there are things that they liked or did not like. He asked the board if there was anything they would like to see. Staff liked the idea of a full week of break in the Fall. Mr. Lady commented that he did not like to see graduation on Memorial Day weekend.

Started switching over ECA software at Central Office and that has gone well. The corporation will switch over in April.

Next board meeting will be January 10 and it will be the restructuring meeting.

6.02 Principals Reports – Ms. Quinn The Christmas Program went very well and thanked Mrs. Moore and Mr. Slaven. For Santa she called the 1-800 Santa hotline and is excited to do it next year.

SOR Coaching position on January 3 Mrs. Miller and Ms. Quinn will be talking with 5 candidates.

Last week they had para training and the paras said it was greatly beneficial.

Mr. Bennett jumped in and said the admin team met and said they have a good plan for phones when the internet is out.

Mr. Bennett was contacted by the DOE for a Literacy Grant similar to the Tag Grant to encourage/reward teachers involved with iRead. Our amount was \$18,000. This is based on passing scores, exemptions and poverty level and our passing level was particularly good.

Mrs. White – Homecoming was last week. Teachers commented that having it before finals worked. Students were distracted from bad behaviors and things went well. Seniors won again.

January 19 will be a corporation wide Christmas party that will be retro. More information will be coming.

Ms. Jensen wanted to attend the meeting tonight but has been ill and decided to stay home.

We will have a student teacher in January. Anika Heims from Knox will be teaching MS English.

Trades camps for Porter and Lake counties are done for this year but we do have our contact information on their list for next year. We are also on the list for Northwest Indiana now.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Lady had no comments.

Mr. Minix wants to see the board packet before noon on Monday.

Mr. Nagai had a question about a scholarship that the school is paying out to Ivy Tech and the student. He was extremely impressed with Mr. Slaven and thought both bands did very well. He also asked about the floor cover for the gym and asked about getting some kind of rack to store on and making it easier for the custodians to use. Tomorrow there will be a boy/girl basketball challenge at the elementary school at 4:00.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: January 10, 2023

9. Adjournment

Mr. Minix made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Lady seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.