

# **OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**Monday, March 18, 2013  
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High School, Room 202, 5990 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532**

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, March 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Jr/Sr High School, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

## **1.0 Call to Order**

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1.01 Welcome - by Chris Lawrence, School Board President

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - Andrea McIntosh

Present: Chris Lawrence, Kurt Hayes, Andrea McIntosh, Lee Nagai, William Kaminski, school attorney, Steven Disney, Julie McLiver, April Max, Tamara Whitcraft, Nikki Salazar, Crystal Jackson, James Strejc, Abigail Gregory, Trish Gregory, Elaine Gregory, Brenda Miller, Rex Miller, Scott Taylor, Robert Ferch, Kevin Kajer, Greg Briles, William Bennett

1.03 Recognition of Visitors - Abstinence Education Peer Leaders from Mr. Ash's Health Classes--Mr. Ash gave a brief overview of the program, to teach students to make responsible choices and avoid risky behaviors. He recognized the following students as peer leaders: James Strejc, Bailey Masterson, Crystal Jackson, Abby Gregory, Dakota Cooke, Leah Binion, and Melissa Dolohan He thanked Mr. Briles and Dr. Disney for allowing him to attend the conferences and for the support he has received for this program. He also introduced Mrs. Becky Bailey for her time and commitment of her volunteer time. She shared a letter from the Culver Community Schools counselor and principal praising the program and Oregon-Davis students.

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to add Item 2.07 Resignations - Agriculture Science and Business Instructor and FFA Advisor - Jacob Riley and to add Item 3.06 to Discussion/Action Item consideration to approve 2013 Senior Trip to Orlando Florida April 18-April 23, 2013. Mr. Hayes made the motion. Mr. Nagai seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

## **2.0 Consent Agenda**

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2.01 Agenda - March 18, 2013

2.02 Minutes - Work Session, Regular Session - February 18, 2013

2.03 Financial Reports

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$123,259.25

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$282,756.79

2.06 Programs - Athletic Program forms - Code of Conduct - Emergency Treatment

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals - Resignation of Agriculture Science and Business Instructor and FAA Advisor, Jacob Riley, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

2.08 Retirement

Elementary - Bonnie Guse

HS Science - Debra Sue Awald

HS English, Speech - Donna Moore-Flaughter

HS Family & Consumer Science - Nancy Dennie

2.09 Employment and Transfers

2.10 Leave Requests

2.11 Use of Facilities

Mrs. McIntosh made a motion to approve, Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Discussion followed on Wiers claims paid. Claim included Dec-Jan-Feb Fleet Agreement Payment (\$7,800.00) the remainder was for actual work done on buses. There also was some discussion on the appropriations report. The budget order was just received. Next months packet should have an appropriations report that will have the budget figures entered. The point was made that the referendum was passed to help the general fund. The tax rate that was advertised was 99 cents but the actual tax rate that will be levied is 96 cents so the corporation is not spending everything that they were given authority to spend.

In regards to the teachers retiring they will be recognized at the board meeting in May.

Motion carried 4-0.

### **3.0 Discussion/Action Items**

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3.01 Consideration to approve calendar for 2013-2014 school year

Mr. Nagai made a motion to amend Item 3.01 to read to approve 2013-2014 Calendar. Seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Motion carried 4-0. This calendar was recommended by the teachers after they were surveyed. Mr. Lawrence then asked for a vote to approve. Motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Nagai abstaining.

3.02 Consideration to accept donation of \$150.00 to the Athletic Department

Motion to approve Mr. Nagai, 2nd Mr. Hayes. Question was asked about sending a thank you note to Mr. Jensen.

Motion carried 4-0.

### 3.03 Consideration of recommendation to purchase diving board using low bid.

Mr. Taylor asked to report to the board and also had a request to make. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. McIntosh, 2nd Mr. Nagai. Mr. Taylor explained that Lincoln actually drove up from Indianapolis and looked at the pool. Discussion then followed comparing the bids. Motion was then asked to table this motion for Mr. Taylor to provide the revised quote from Lincoln to the board. Mr. Hayes made that motion. Mr. Nagai seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### 3.04 Consideration of recommendation to purchase and upgrade camera system.

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Hayes, 2nd Mrs. McIntosh. Mr. Kajer then reported to the board on the three quotes provided. Jojo quote is using the same equipment as the Vermillion quote and Roeing used a lower quality camera to offer a cheaper quote. Also with Roeing after three years there will be an annual licensing fee to be paid. Mr. Kajer recommended the Vermillion quote which will provide 32 cameras in the building and 10 outside. Vermillion could start the wiring over spring break, otherwise it would wait until summer. The question was asked why an increase in the number of cameras. Mr. Bennett answered that after the addition to the elementary school, no additional cameras were added. This includes about 10 classrooms and exits in the primary wing. Non-critical areas will re-use some of the old cameras. Crucial areas will have new cameras with zoom-in capabilities. Mr. Nagai made a motion to table this item. Discussion among the board members continued with Mr. Nagai withdrawing his motion to table item. Mrs. McIntosh expressed her opinion that this past weekend emphasized the need to make safety first. Mr. Lawrence then asked for a motion of consideration to purchase security system from Vermillion for \$74,896.00 as their bid reads. Mrs. McIntosh made that motion, Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lawrence then asked for a motion to re-enter discussion of Item 3.03 consideration of purchase of diving board. Mr. Nagai made that motion, Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Discussion then continued on the different bids received. The replacement is for the stands not the diving boards. Discussion also covered insurance questions, utilization of the pool facility, and regulations covering the use and installation of diving boards. We do have a contract with Plymouth to use our facilities for another year and this revenue will cover part of the expense of the stands. After review of the three bids submitted, Mr. Lawrence then asked for a motion to contract and approve quote from Lincoln at \$18,393.00 for purchase of diving board platform equipment. Mrs. McIntosh made that motion, Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3.05 Consideration of replacement intercom system for Elementary School. Mrs. McIntosh made that motion. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Kajer gave a brief history of the condition of the intercom system at the elementary school. It has not been reliable. Mr. Bennett says that at times it take 3 or 4 times to be able to make an announcement. The Communication Company came out and said the existing system cannot be fixed. Only one quote has been received so far but Mr. Kajer has found two other companies that will be able to give us quotes. UDI out of Grainger and a company out of Lafayette have agreed to quote. Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to table this item. Mr. Nagai made that motion, Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3.06 Consideration to approve 2013 Senior Trip to Orlando Florida on April 18 - April 23 2013. Mrs. McIntosh made a motion to approve, Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Chaperones will be Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Vandemark, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Crawford Motion carried 4.0

#### **4.0 Other Business Items**

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4.01 Discussion of bus purchase - Mr. Ferch was present to present plans for purchase of a new special education bus. Plans are to keep the present special education bus as a back-up special education bus. Mr. Ferch explained he looks for maximum warranty. This bid is from the state bid list. Funding for this purchase comes from the Bus Replacement Fund. There is approximately \$110,000.00 in that fund. A recommendation will be made for the purchase at the April School Board meeting.

4.02 Relocation of Green Room - time was turned over to Mr. Miller for explanation of why, and how the Green Room could be relocated to an area in the library. A window already exists for teacher supervision. After listening to the plans for construction, Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to go ahead with the relocation of the green room using funds not to exceed \$2500.00. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Motion carried 4-0.

4.03 Review of ISBA's Board Member Code & discussion of future Board Retreat Workshop with ISBA - Mr. Lawrence called for an executive meeting April 4th. A member of the ISBA will be invited to attend to give guidance over board policy and procedures. Also during that meeting discussion of some of the goals that were set at the February work session meeting will take place. April 4th at 1:00 PM at the Administration Building.

#### **5.0 Informational Agenda Items**

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The report section of the agenda may be limited to not more than 3-minutes per person, as to keep the length of the school board meeting in perspective.

5.01 Board Member Reports - Mr. Lawrence expressed his thanks to Sheriff Cowen, Officer Baker, Administrators, Dr. Disney, Starke County Police and Swat Team and Board Members for coming out on a Sunday evening to discuss the security issue. Dr. Disney and Mr. Lawrence met with Mr. Jessup and will be meeting with the Starke Co. Leadership team on April 5th. They will be asking Mr. Briles for a student from Oregon-Davis possibly the junior class president.

Mr. Lawrence also congratulated Miss Saylor for her Rodeo Scholarship. Spring Break is next week, he wished safety for students and staff.

Mrs. McIntosh also expressed her appreciation to everyone, she felt the officers did an outstanding job. She stated that the security issue was an eye-opening experience.

Mr. Nagai asked about policy on accepting new students. The school has an open enrollment policy up to ADM day. After that day the Board needs to approve students wishing to enroll in our district. After discussion Mr. Nagai made a motion to approve students enrollment pending receipt of paperwork, and that they are in good standing. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Nagai also brought up questions on the new health care law and the impact on our bus drivers and on our budget. Dr. Disney explained that Mrs. Salazar is going to another meeting on this issue tomorrow, he has discussed it with Mr. Kaminski. We are developing a plan and we will have to have a discussion with all our non-certified employees.

Mr. Nagai also wanted to find out how we integrate local government with our juniors and seniors. Dr. Disney stated that this will be one of the topics on April 5th. Next Mr. Nagai brought up that the high school seems to be doing fairly well, the elementary is doing very well but there seems to be a problem in the middle school. What can be done to improve this situation?

He also asked about the Climate Survey discussion. Did we have any other results from other schools? Dr. Disney will be in touch with LaPorte to see if they will share that information.

Energy Comm. Report - Mr. Hayes, Mr. Nagai and Dr. Disney will meet at 12:30 on April 4th.

Government Issues Committee- Mr. Nagai asked if there were staff members they could involve. Dr. Disney will talk with Mr. Marsh since this is his subject area, and Mrs. Max and Mr. Borrelli are involved in lobbying so this would be appropriate to discuss in April.

Mr. Nagai's next area of concern was the boilers. After much discussion it was decided to contact three non-interested parties to come out and give us a quote on what it would be to develop a request for proposals and have that information presented at the next board meeting. The board can then directed Dr. Disney on how they would like to proceed. The cost of professional services would be approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000.

5.02 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Dr. Disney expressed his appreciated for the Board's support, Sheriff Cowen, Officer Baker, Starke County Police Department, our staff and our parents. It was a good educational and training experience. We were the safest school in the country that day.

5.03 Staff Member Reports - Mr. Bennett thanked everyone and his staff for the support. All students were here for ISTEP so the first round of ISTEP is completed, tomorrow students will take the IREAD test, 23 days until the next round of ISTEP testing. Mr. Bennett congratulated the Girls 5th and 6th grade basketball teams, they both won their respective tournaments.

Mr. Briles - ISTEP went well, they had a great turn-out, they only had three students that had to do make up so they are now completed. The school is preparing for their TAP visit on April 17th. This week we are doing some fun things and dress up days. We did have a former student Lorrin Awald that was in a serious accident, this week we are working to raise money for the family. He also wanted to thank everyone for their support this past week.

5.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

5.05 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Nagai made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. McIntosh seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Kurt Hayes, Secretary

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Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver