

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, August 18, 2014
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

Susan G. Rowles Board Room, Administration Building, Oregon-Davis School Corporation, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, August 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Susan G. Rowles Board Room of the Administration Building, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

1.0 Call to Order

1.01 Welcome - Andrea McIntosh - Board Members in attendance - Andrea McIntosh, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka, Lee Nagai; absent Chris Lawrence. Others in attendance: Greg Briles, Tim Pletcher, William Bennett, Cheryl Bragg, Joyce Anderson, Nikki Salazar, Brenda Miller, Tom Dermody, Nathan Lowe, Tiffany Nagai, Julie McLiver

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - led by Mr. Nagai

1.03 Recognition of Visitors - Starke County Farm Bureau, represented by Tiffany Nagai presented a check for \$500 to Mr. Bennett and the third grade teachers. Mr. Bennett expressed his appreciation for the donation and said this will allow the third grade to take their trip to Fair Oaks Farm and also to add the pig adventure this year. Mr. Bennett also added his congratulations to Ms. Bragg and Mrs. Anderson for having the highest third grade I-Step scores in the county.

Mr Tom Dermody, state representative out of LaPorte was given time to speak to the board and patrons in preparation for the next legislative session. He is now public policy chairman. This is a budget year. Sixty-five percent of the state budget goes to K-12 education. If there are issues the public would like to communicate to their legislators now is the time to do so. Mr. Dermody would welcome thoughts and concerns from the public. He can be contacted at h20.in.gov.

Next Mr. Nathan Lowe representing The Crossing Alternative School was introduced. The Crossing is a private faith-based alternative school that partners with public schools across the state to help students drop back into school and obtain their high school diploma. Right now enrollment is at 25 students with only one of those students from Oregon-Davis. Oregon-Davis committed and is paying for eight slots. He described the process they go through to contact students. They have found many phone numbers changed or disconnected. He asked for help if anyone knows of a student that would benefit from this alternative schooling to put them in touch with The Crossing. They have enrollment night every Tuesday from 4-5. Their goal is to have eight Oregon-Davis students in attendance by count day September 12th. He is also looking for people in the community from this school district to serve on the board. The question was asked if there is any cost to the student— an application fee of \$25 is what the students pay.

Mrs. McIntosh then asked for a motion to add the addendum item 2.09 High School English position - Amy Budka to the consent agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mrs Budka.

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.01 Agenda - August 18, 2014

2.02 Minutes - July 21, 2014

2.03 Financial Reports - Appropriations Report and Fund Report

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$924,110.79

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$206,704.69

2.06 Programs - none

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals - Jr/Sr High Special Education - Haidee Temme; Jr/Sr High School English - Robyn Healey

2.08 Retirement - none

2.09 Employment and Transfers - **Jr/Sr High School Tap Leadership Team:** Bruce Hirschy-Master Teacher, Linda Bajgrowicz-Mentor Teacher, Christy VanDeMark-Mentor Teacher; **Elementary Tap Leadership Team:** Cheryl Minix-Master Teacher, Todd Briles-Mentor Teacher, Melissa Hensler-Mentor Teacher; **Jr/Sr High School English Teacher** - Angela Radtke; **Special Needs Bus Aide** - Carol Corey; **Jr/Sr High Special Education Teacher** - Eric Baierl; **Special Needs Aide** - Rashell Beron; **Assistant/JV Boys Basketball Coach** - Charlie Winger

2.10 Leave Requests - none

2.11 Use of Facilities - none

Motion to accept consent agenda made by Mr. Hayes, 2nd by Mrs. Budka. Motion passed 4-0.

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Approval of date change on 2015 Budget Schedule. Motion made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mrs. Budka. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Discussion/Review of the 2015 Corporation budgetary procedures as they relate to the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, (3-year plan), Transportation Fund (operations plan), Transportation Fund (12-year school bus replacement plan), Debt Service Plan, Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service Fund, Referendum Fund/Exempt Operating, Rainy Day Fund. **Consideration of Authorization to Publish the 2015 Budget.** Motion made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mr. Hayes. General Fund is based on ADM as of September 12th, the next figure 1 million eight thousand four hundred thirty nine dollars is based on our debt, Capital Projects

Rate is capped at .1974; Bus Replacement and Transportation Fund is a levy and will be capped based on what the DLGF statutory limitation is. Rainy Day is based on money set aside. The referendum is maxed out at nineteen cents. Last year we asked for 1.573, this year we are at 1.5202. This is just the advertisement. The Capital Projects has to have a three year plan.

Last Friday Mr. Chittum NIESC came down to advise on budget. This was the second time this year he has gone over the budget with us. We will get the rates after we get the 1782 from the DLGF. Motion passed 4-0.

4.0 Other Business Items

Approval of new and revised policies as listed: Administration 1617, Professional Staff 3217, Support Staff 4217, Property 7217. Motion made by Mr. Nagai, second by Mrs. Budka. This is the Neola policy for Oregon-Davis Schools for firearms based on the July 1st update. During the discussion Mr. Lawrence arrived and Mrs McIntosh asked for a motion for Mr. Lawrence to join the meeting. Mr. Hayes made that motion and Mrs. McIntosh seconded the motion. Mr. Nagai objected to the clause in the policy stating working firearms and ammunition shall never be approved. Mrs. Budka brought up the point that in the future if we had someone that would come in and teach a firearms safety course or hunting course, this policy could be amended to allow for firearms and ammunition to be brought in. Vote was 4-1 with Mr. Nagai voting against.

5.0 Curriculum

6.0 Informational Agenda Items

6.01 Board Member Reports - Mrs. Budka mentioned the open house and said everything she heard was that it was very nice. Mr. Nagai asked about Project Lead the Way-classes are going forward. He mentioned that he has seen PLTW referenced in a few articles he has read and congratulated Mr. Briles for implementing in our corporation. Mr. Briles also mentioned that Mrs. Stone that has just started at the Elementary is a huge supporter of STEM and will be using that in the elementary this year. Mrs. McIntosh asked why PowerSchool was not up during registration. Mr. Pletcher answered her question-it was a problem in the program that could not be handled in-house and had to have their support team work on. Fee statements were distributed last week to the students. Mr. Briles recommended that they be mailed directly to the parents.

6.02 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Mr. Pletcher reported that the school year has started with 307 students. The New Tech Advocate came out for professional development with the staff utilizing the three pillars of Trust, Respect and Responsibility. Mr. Pletcher addressed the entire Junior High on the first day of school and discussed those three pillars. Mr. Estok and Mr. Pletcher addressed the other classes individually and stressed these pillars. They brought back the printed handbooks and he feels that was a very good plan.

Mr. Bennett has had a smooth start to the school year despite all the new faces at the elementary. They will meet with their TAP regional coordinator later this week. Enrollment is

currently between 292-294, slightly down. Kindergarten brought in 38 and 54 went out of the sixth grade. They still have students trickling in. Pre-school currently has 23 students and they are very happy with that. The question was asked if there was room for more pre-schoolers since that can be a feeder program into the school. Mr. Bennett said there could be room for another class. Mr Briles thanked the custodial staff and everyone that helped this summer. They did a fantastic job of getting the buildings and grounds ready for the start of school. He praised Rex and Scott and Jerry for trimming the trees by the administration building. He also praised Mr. Bennett and Mr. Pletcher on the quality teachers they have added to their staff. In-service sessions last week went very well. The last day they had four sessions: iPads, State Standards, TAP Implementation, Contract and Negotiations. Mr. Briles also complemented the ladies in the office and especially Nikki for staying on top of the budget preparation and making sure Mr. Briles was prepared for it. Mr. Nagai wanted to recognize Mr. Briles for coming out on his day off to paint the parking lot stripes.

6.03 Staff Member Reports- none

6.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

6.04 Adjournment - Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second was by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Kurt Hayes, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver