

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, January 19, 2015
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, January 19, 2015 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 by Mr. Chris Lawrence In Attendance: Chris Lawrence, Andrea McIntosh, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka, Lee Nagai, Mr. Briles, Mr. Pletcher, Becky Goble, attorney, Brenda Miller, Nikki Salazar, Anita Goodan, WKVI, Julie McLiver, recording secretary.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Lawrence

1.03 Recognition of Visitors none present

1.04 Oath of Office of School Board Members - administered by Mrs. Salazar to Chris Lawrence.

1.05 Re-Organization of the School Board

1. Mr. Lawrence made the motion to nominate Kurt Hayes as President of the School Board. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hayes then took over conducting the meeting.

2. Mrs. Budka made the motion to nominate Andrea McIntosh as Vice-President of the School Board. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Mr. Lawrence made the motion to nominate Shirley Budka as Secretary of the School Board. Mrs. McIntosh seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Mrs. Budka made the motion to appoint Nicole L. Salazar as Treasurer and Brenda Miller as Assistant Treasurer for the Oregon-Davis School Corporation 2015-2016 school term. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Mr. Hayes made the motion to retain Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones Law Firm as legal counsel for the 2015-2016 school term, with Mr. William S. Kaminski serving as our corporation attorney. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Mr. Lawrence made the motion to recommend Mr. Briles to serve on the JESSE and Vocational Education Board. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. When ever Mr. Briles is unable to attend he always sends a principal to attend those meetings for him. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Mrs. Budka made the motion to appoint Julie McLiver, Corporation Central Office Secretary, to serve as recording secretary for school board meetings. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Mr. Hayes made the motion to establish the third Monday of each month as the Regular School Board Meeting Date, with the option to call Special School Board Meetings

whenever needed as determined by the Board President or the Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. McIntosh seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

At this time, 6:39 p.m., Mr. Nagai joined the meeting

9. Mrs. McIntosh made the motion to establish 6:30 p.m. (local time) as the time for meeting in Regular School Board Meetings, with the option to make adjustments for such things as time change, executive sessions, special meetings, etc. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Mr. Nagai abstained).

10. Mr. Hayes made a motion to pay school board members a stipend of \$1,000 per year and \$50 per meeting based upon attendance with half payable on each December 31st and June 30th. Mrs. McIntosh seconded the motion. NOTE: School Board Member Compensation (maximum allowed) \$2,000.00 over all Compensation plus a per diem rate of \$110 Regular Meetings, \$62 Other Meetings <I.P.S. Model Resolution> Discussion followed concerning the time and responsibility required. Mr. Lawrence felt the board should go back to the compensation level they were at two years ago. If members do not feel they need the full amount it can be donated back to an organization within the school. The state has not raised the maximum for at least 14 years. He proposed to go to the state maximum. After further discussion the board left the motion as stated for \$1,000 per year and \$50 per meeting based on attendance. Motion passed 3-0, with Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Budka abstaining.

11. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to recommend paying Mr. William Kaminski a retainer fee of \$12,500 per year (paid quarterly) as per inclusions and exclusions which were adopted with December 17, 1991 resolution and allow up to \$1,000 additional for professional in-services and conferences which deal specifically with education and current laws dealing with education. Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

12. Mr. Nagai made a motion to designate the Starke County Leader newspaper for the publication of notices (as per I.C. 5-3-1-4.) Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.01 Agenda - January 19, 2015

2.02 Minutes - December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting and December 22, 2014 Special Meeting

2.03 Financial Reports - Appropriations Report and Fund Report

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$884,601.55

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$419,768.82

2.06 Programs - Two School to Work Applications

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals - Elementary Academic Coach - Sarah Alan

2.08 Retirement - None

2.09 Employment and Transfers - Elementary Academic Coach - Dean Corey

2.10 Leave Requests - None

2.11 Use of Facilities - January 10th, OD Summer League - Front Lobby

Mr. Hayes then asked for a motion to approve the above Consent Agenda. Mrs. McIntosh made that motion, Mr. Nagai seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Consideration of adopting Fiscal Goal for 2014-2015 school year. Motion made by Mrs. Budka, seconded by Mr. Nagai. Less money on overhead, more on instructional expenses. Health insurance is the big item that causes our overhead to rise. On the average our percentage going to overhead is less than the state average. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Consideration of "Conflict of Interest" Disclosure Statements. Motion made by Mrs. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Consideration of advertisement and publication of the 2013-14 Annual Performance Report (in accordance with Indiana Code 20-1-21). Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Nagai. Every year the state asks us to approve this at the beginning of the year but the state said it is delayed and should be available by the end of March. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Consideration of forming a Strategic Planning Committee. Motion made by Mr. Nagai, seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Mr. Briles made a presentation regarding all of the programs, where we are at and where we are going. A lot of statistics were presented as to percentages passing tests, enrollment, graduation rates, etc. Transparency and communication were stressed. Mr. Briles proposed that this committee will need to establish priorities, a one, three and five year vision, a mission statement and establish goals for students. It will need annual review. Key people will need to serve such as the administrative leadership of the schools along with one or two board members. To start Mr. Briles asked Mr. Hayes to meet with himself, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Pletcher, and Mr. Estok and if one other board member would be willing to step in initially. After the initial brainstorming session board members could be brought in for a work session to discuss all that is being done in the corporation. Following the discussion the motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Consideration of raising all lunch prices by ten cents. Motion made by Mrs. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Briles strongly recommend they consider not passing this due to more information he has received. State recommends price be 2.475 and we are currently at 2.45. He feels the Food Service Dept. needs to look closer at the use of commodities and what we are doing with NIESC before we consider raising the lunch price. Motion did not pass. Vote 0-5.

4.0 Other Business Items

A report on The Crossing. Currently we have 6 students there and we were signed up for 7. We have 5 more that will be going in the next 2 weeks. (7 is our minimum commitment). The monies going to the Crossing for these students are what we receive from the state for these students—it is a pass through. This gives students that for one reason or another do not do well

in regular school. One student that we had attendance issues with has not missed one day at The Crossing. The students are having success there. Mr. Pletcher will be meeting with the Knox on-site coordinator on Tuesday. He will pass along information he receives in that meeting to the school board.

5.0 Informational Agenda Items

5.01 Board Member Reports - Mrs. McIntosh brought up the fact that Homecoming was very nice. Also last week the girls had great attendance at the John Glenn game. Bi-County is this week.

Mr. Nagai asked about the website. The new company has projected to have it up on January 23rd.

5.02 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Mr. Briles reported on the pool. Humidity has been relieved. They are waiting to hear from the insurance company and D. A. Dodd on what may have caused the problems. Students are able to swim and use the pool.

The Bi-County starts Tuesday here for our boys and girls teams. This is the 50th year for the Bi-County and there will be some special announcements between the games on Saturday.

Oregon-Davis Hall of Fame will induct six members on February 6 in between games.

The Porter County Insurance Trust has recently changed the operation of the clinics for members to Wellness For Life. Representatives were in on Thursday morning to make a presentation to the staff.

JESSE offices are looking to re-locate their central office and files. Mr. Briles volunteered Oregon-Davis as a potential site. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Briles have walked the elementary to look at potential sites. This would be a financial savings for the OD Corporation.

The Starke County Leadership Class will be at Oregon-Davis on this coming Friday. Mr. Hayes will be participating in this. They will eat lunch with the kids in the Jr/Sr High School and will see how our school functions.

Mr. Henigsmith was in today to give an update on the trophy case. He has raised \$3,000 in hand and individuals in the community have pledged money to bring that total to almost \$10,000. Mr. Gary Messer owns a mill on the county line. He and his partner have donated the oak for the case. Efforts are being coordinated to bring the project to completion.

Vocational Classes Report. At the auto trades class students are ASE tested in nine different areas. We have had one of our students pass his final test that makes him certified in all nine areas.

Mr. Pletcher reported that Acuity testing started this week. Freshman and Sophomores have been developing videos in class and Mr. Pletcher has had the opportunity to view some of those. He said there are some really cool videos. When the top video is determined there will be a viewing for the school board and it will be sent to the New Tech network.

Mr. Pletcher also mentioned that Hannah Clark has been chosen for the SLYCE program. He believes this is the first student from Starke County to be selected for this program in quite some time. There will be further publicity coming from this. We are very happy for Hannah.

5.03 Staff Member Reports - none

5.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

5.04 Adjournment - Mr. Hayes asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nagai made that motion and Mrs. Budka seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Shirley Budka, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver