

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, February 20, 2017
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, February 20, 2017 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 - Welcome by President Chris Lawrence. In attendance, Chris Lawrence, Andrea McIntosh, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka, Annette Ferch, Greg Estok, William Bennett, Tim Pletcher, Nikki Salazar, Dr. Harman, Brenda Miller, Rebecca Berg, attorney, Julie McLiver, recording secretary.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - led by Mr. Estok.

1.03 Recognition of Visitors - Starke County Historical Society Board Members - Carl Goodrich, Van Jankovic and Dean Corey presented the School Board with the new Starke County Flag and gave a brief history of the county. The Board graciously accepted the flag and expressed their appreciation.

Before accepting a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Lawrence asked to add addendum item 2.07 Resignation to the consent agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Budka. Motion passed 5-0.

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.01 Agenda - February 20, 2017

2.02 Minutes - January 9, 2017 - Reorganization, Board of Finance and Regular Board Meeting; February 6, 2017 - Work Session

2.03 Financial Reports - Appropriation, Fund and Deduction Check Posting Reports

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$792,788.24

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$246,986.20

2.06 Programs

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals - Kristina Smith, Elementary Aide

2.08 Retirement

2.09 Employment and Transfers - Kindergarten Maternity Vacancy - Kaitlin Miller; Part-time Food Service - Lori Morris; Drama Club Sponsor - Mrs. Amanda Williams

2.10 Leave Requests and Field Trip Requests -

Leave Requests

2/21/17 Jeff Messer, Food Commodity Mtg., Plymouth

1/24/17 Glenn Hummel, Linda Bajgrowicz, Book Caravan

Field Trip

Mrs. Ash & Mrs. Shipley, students in grades 8-12, Valparaiso Red Robin

2.11 Use of Facilities

2/11/17 Girl Scout Troop 552, Elem. Cafeteria from 1 - 5 pm.

226/17 K-9 Cadets 4-H, use of pool from 2 - 4 pm

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Ferch and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Motion passed 5-0.

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve 2016 Budget Transfers

Motion was made by Mrs. Budka and seconded by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve teacher reassignment to third grade

Motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve teacher reassignment to elementary music and new contract

Motion was made by Mrs. Budka and seconded by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve unpaid leave request from Sarah Hardin for 2017-2018 school year

Motion made by Mrs. Ferch and seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve remediation transportation payment for Dean Corey / \$20.00 per route

Motion made by Mrs. McIntosh and seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to approve Course Addition Request of Elective PE - Lifeguarding

Motion to approve made by Mrs Budka and seconded by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0.

3.07 Recommendation to revise cell phone policy in Jr/Sr High School Student Handbook

Motion to approve revision of policy made by Mrs. Ferch and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh.

A discussion detailing why a recommendation to revise the policy was presented, the consequences listed, and the pros and cons of this policy occurred. At one point there was discussion on whether to table this motion, Mr. Lawrence stated he would ask for a motion as the recommendation was stated and if he received a motion and second they would vote otherwise they would table the recommendation. Mrs. Ferch made the motion to approve the policy revision as stated and Mrs. McIntosh seconded the motion. The Board then voted to approve the revision 5-0. Dr. Harman stated he would keep them informed on how this works out. Dr. Harman will be present when the administrators talk to the student body so he can report back to the Board. Mrs. McIntosh stated she would like to see the handbook before May for Board approval.

3.08 Recommendation to adopt calendar for 2017-2018 school year.

Motion made by Mrs. Budka and seconded by Mrs. Ferch. This was the Option 2 that had been presented, starting a week later in August, one week spring break and the fall break will be a five day break for students including the weekend. Motion passed 5-0.

4.0 Other Business Items

5.0 Curriculum

6.0 Informational Agenda Items

6.01 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Dr. Harman talked about grants. OD was approved for a \$30,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation. This was a planning grant. Our administration and counselors believe the immediate need was having more adults in our at-risk students' lives. The grant involves success coaches acting in a role similar to the big brother/big sister program and help keep track of students outside of the school day including over the summer break. The grant also included a CTE coach and mentorship with team lead. Teacher leaders have already been targeted. The administrators are also trying to get some guest speakers for in the fall. This grant must be spent by the end of December and the goal was to impact students immediately.

A Lowe's grant for \$5000 for each building has been applied for and was centered around our High Ability students. No word on the status of this grant has been received yet.

Application was also made for a \$75,000 grant from Honda for an educational/community grant. This grant was written to create a Makerspace at the Elementary School. It is a room where students are taken to be creative, but also to offer access to boy scouts, art clubs, and community groups. Dr. Harman described it as an art room on steroids.

Other grants applied for: to address safety and crisis (radios, GPS on buses), the Monsanto grant, the School Safety grant, a grant from the IDOE called Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program that totals \$500,000 (100,000 each year for 5 years). Dr. Harman will keep the board up-to-date on the status of these grant applications.

There was a planned e-learning day today. The staff had a carry-in and administrators will be looking at feedback on how e-learning went.

Dr. Harman passed out a budget update to the board members on how 2016 finished, and for January of this year. He believes HB1009 will be passed with four funds, operational, educational, debt service and rainy day.

Enrollment report for September was 595, our February count was 575, so the corporation lost 20 students. We do not have a majority of students leaving because they are disgruntled, they are just moving. Other schools in the area also are down.

As a corporation, meal prices need to be reviewed. This will be coming to an upcoming meeting to discuss with an increase anticipated in August at the beginning of the new school year.

John Glenn will be having a trip to Washington DC in June and has openings on their second bus. It is open to families but It is not school related.

The work session today was cancelled due to the presenter's family illness. This meeting will be re-scheduled for next month.

Dr. Harman will not pursue changing the school day. A good discussion occurred in the work session on February 6th. Having lost 20 students already, he cannot guarantee that we would not lose more if the start time was changed. School will still start at 7:20 although the ending time for the Jr/Sr High may adjust due to scheduling changes.

ISTEP practice testing is going on this week.

Blood Drive at the Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday. Basketball sectional draw took place. Mr. Estok has his meeting on Tuesday and will then have tickets.

6.02 Board Member Reports -

Mrs. Ferch reported on the February 9 new school board orientation and said it was very informational on board member roles and school finance.

6.03 Staff Member Reports - none

6.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

6.04 Adjournment - Mrs. Budka made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Ferch seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Kurt Hayes, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver