

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, October 15, 2018
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, October 18, 2018, at 6:30 PM in the Susan G. Rowles Board Room of the Administration Building, pursuant to the rules of the Board.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order by Andrea McIntosh

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Kurt Hayes

1.03 Roll Call - Andrea McIntosh, Kurt Hayes, Shirley Budka, Chris Lawrence, Annette Ferch

1.04 Public Comment - Time was turned over to PTA President Cleo Ferch, and Lee Nagai, Treasurer. The PTA is trying to recruit new parents at this time. Dues are \$6.00 per year. Various fundraising ideas were listed. Most of the ideas promoted were for the elementary but they do want to include the jr./sr. high school. They wanted to know the protocol for having future projects approved, and also wanted to have a single point person for the corporation. So far 26 people have joined PTA. The superintendent will be the point person going forward. Cleo also questioned why a bake sale they were contemplating for parent/teacher conference night was denied. Dr. Harman stated he was the one that denied that bake sale, because he did not feel it was appropriate to solicit from the parents when they were coming to the school to discuss their child's progress so far this year. After further discussion the question was put to the School Board on whether they wanted to approve this bake sale. After some discussion from board members it was agreed to uphold the decision that had been made. They offered the suggestion of providing cookies to parents as they promote the PTA at the parent/teacher conferences.

Mrs. McIntosh asked for a motion to add addendum item 3.13 to the agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes from September 17, 2018

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Ferch made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Dr. Harman brought attention to a few items. First Mr. Pletcher has submitted his resignation, we will be moving on to South Bend Community Schools and we wish him the best of luck. Dr. Harman recommended that Mr. Matthys be approved as the Jr/Sr High School Principal effective immediately. Mr. Matthys has demonstrated great leadership and communication skills and enthusiasm as he has carried out the assistant principal/ athletic director position. Mr. Matthys does have a current administrative license. Also Mr. David Smith is being recommended at the assistant/JV basketball coach. Those are the consent agenda items Dr. Harman wanted to make sure were pointed out to the Board before their vote. Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Hayes casting the no vote.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve a resolution to establish the Education Fund and the Operations Fund. Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Budka. This resolution is being recommended by IASBO throughout Indiana to replace the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, Transportation fund and bring all of those funds under the Education and Operations fund. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to accept the donation of a water fountain from the Hamlet Lion's Club. Motion made by Mrs. Budka, second by Mrs. Ferch. Mrs. Nagai represented the Hamlet Lion's Club in giving the details about this donation. So far they have \$2500 for this project and their goal is to have the remainder of the money by April to complete this project. Mrs. Nagai also expressed their pleasure at being able to work with the school on projects such as this. The Board expressed their appreciation for this donation. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve the 2019 budget. Mrs. McIntosh asked for a motion to approve the 2019 budget. Mrs. Ferch made that motion with Mr. Lawrence seconding the motion. A work session was held last Thursday. Mrs. Salazar did an excellent job explaining to the Board what we are looking at with our budget. Dr. Harman told the Board that we would anticipate our tax rate being anywhere between \$1.17 and \$1.20. Our current rate is \$1.07 and we have a 10 cent increase with the referendum. The Board expressed their appreciation for the work session and for the work Mrs. Salazar did to help inform them of the process. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve a resolution to authorize the Superintendent and/or the Treasurer to make reductions in advertised budget. Motion to approve resolution was made by Mr. Lawrence and second was by Mrs. Ferch. This is an annual resolution to allow the Superintendent/Treasurer to make reductions necessary once the budget comes back from DLGF. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve a talent show fundraiser event on November 2, 2018 by the Drama Club. Motion to approve the talent show was made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mr. Hayes. Our two sponsors for drama club are Mr. Tony Hutchinson and Miss Alivia Jensen, they are first year teachers and they are doing a fantastic job in our junior high and they are really excited about drama. Motion passed 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to accept a donation of a book to the elementary school. Motion by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Budka. In the Board's packet they received some information about this book. The book is Nightwings the Bat by John Mitchell. This is his second book, his first was George and Smokey; A Tale of Two Cats. Mr. Mitchell is a disabled Vietnam Veteran and has started writing books and has donated this book to our Elementary School. Motion passed 5-0.

3.07 Recommendation to approve a high school dance fundraiser on December 1, 2018. Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Ferch. This is Homecoming. Motion passed 5-0.

3.08 Recommendation to approve a fruit sale fundraiser by the FFA on October 23 - November 26, 2018. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Budka, second by Mrs. Ferch. The Board made mention that they would like to be asked to purchase fruit. Motion passed 5-0.

3.09 Recommendation to approve a prom cookie dough fundraiser by the Junior Class on October 16 - November 15, 2018. Motion made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

3.10 Recommendation to approve an agreement with Go Solutions. Motion made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mr. Hayes. This agreement allows for the corporation to collect Medicaid reimbursements. For the 2018 calendar year, the corporation collected \$20,615.75 that was then utilized to offset expenses within the special education area. Other area school corporations in the JESSE cooperative also participate with Go Solutions. They have been very helpful and are able to answer any questions Mrs. Salazar has had. The cost for their services is minimal per month. Motion passed 5-0.

3.11 Recommendation to approve the Oregon-Davis Jr/Sr High Fishing Club. Motion to approve the Fishing Club was made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mrs. Budka. Mrs. Beth Lawrence gave some background information to the Board on the fishing club. There are a lot of students that are very excited about this club. The club is self funded with dues. They will have monthly meetings. Motion passed 5-0.

3.12 Recommendation to approve a chuck-a-duck fundraiser by the Senior Class at home basketball games from November 2018 - February 2019. Mr. Hayes made the motion, second by Mrs. Budka. Mr. Pletcher checked with the state gaming commission, since it is a game of skill and not of luck we are fine with the regulations. Motion passed 5-0.

3.13 Recommendation to approve a Bags for Buck\$ fundraiser by the Boys Basketball team on November 1, 2018. Motion made by Mrs. Lawrence, second by Mrs. Ferch. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business Items

4.01 First reading of the 2019-2020 Course Description Guide. Next month Dr. Harman will ask the Board to approve this guide. Mr. Pletcher explained that the changes were highlighted. One of the changes was that thru the CTE coop we will be offering aviation courses at the Plymouth airport where they can actually get their pilots license. The following year they will have an aviation mechanics class. Also there will be a new FACS class, culinary arts, a ceramics class and an AP studio arts class. The two art classes will help with the graduation pathways requirements.

5. Curriculum

5.01 Report on School Improvement Plans. Both principals reported on their school improvement plans. Plans were due to the state last Friday and have been submitted. Both principals highlighted attendance improvements with the help of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Berg and Officer Kohles.

5.02 Report on the Enrichment Programs. Mr. Bennett reported that Mrs. Hinds and Ms. Quinn are supervising grades 1 - 3. They are using various science and STEM activities. Mr. Pletcher reported that Mrs. Bradway and Mr. Corey are working with students in grades 4-8. Approximately 30 students are participating at the elementary. Mr. Corey is actively recruiting students in the 7th and 8th grade.

5.03 Report on the Academic Assistance Program - Mr. Bennett reported that the elementary has about 25-16 students participating. Mrs. Max is working with grades 3 and 4 and Mr. Corey is working with grades 5 and 6. They are providing after school tutoring two nights a week for about an hour. They are working on what students are having trouble with at that time, sometimes they are working on past skills. The student teacher ratio right now is 12 students per teacher. Students can come and go — it does not have to be the same student every night. Academic Assistance at the high school is being done by Ms. Vogel and Mrs Newbauer before school starts, Monday thru Thursday. Right now there are about 4 kids participating.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports - Dr. Harman passed out the monthly budget snapshot to the Board. One thing Dr. Harman pointed out going into the month of October, especially looking at Capital Projects, does an expense need to happen now or can it wait until January.

Dr. Harman reported that there are ten teachers utilizing Donors Choose, one at the elementary and 9 at the high school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will occur on Wednesday. PTA will have a sign up table at each building. Something a little different this year is there will be two break out sessions for parents to attend. Mr. Clemons will be conducting Powerschool 101 at 4:00 at the elementary and 5:00 at the high school, while Mr. Kohles will be doing school safety at 4:00 at the high school and at 5:00 at the elementary.

Open swim starts on October 25th. Information went out on the Bobcat Blast and on Facebook.

SAT, strategic action team information also went out on the Bobcat Blast, Facebook and on the webpage. This group will meeting on October 29th.

Fall ISBA conference will be on November 7th in Plymouth, Board members contact Dr. Harman if interested in attending.

The November Board Meeting will be November 19th at 6:30

A couple of success stories: In the last week all students and staff received a free t-shirt from HealthLinks, with a bobcat on the front.

Mr. Eskridge has an art project going on using post-it notes.

Mr. Hayes asked about community service if that will be occurring again. Elementary student council will be doing some community service this year.

6.02 Principal's Reports - Mr. Pletcher reported that they administered the PSAT last week to the 10th and 11th grades. Tuesday ASVAB will be administered to all seniors. Indiana University met with faculty. IU has a pipeline program offering faculty free classes for their masters program and to get credentials for dual credit courses. Mr. Pletcher also said thank you.

Mr. Bennett thanked his staff bringing different individuals and organizations into the building to share. They had a great grandparents day. Mrs. Huitt worked with the Lions Club and Dr. Kralovansky on vision screening with. The fire department was here last week, both Koontz Lake and Hamlet, they shared fire safety information. Mr. Bennett also added he has enjoyed working with Mr. Pletcher and hates to see him go.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Lawrence commended the Volleyball and Soccer teams.

8. Future Meetings

The next Board Meeting will be November 19th.

9. Adjournment

Mrs. McIntosh asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mrs. Ferch and seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned about 7:50 PM.

Shirley Budka, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver