

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Friday, October 26, 2018
Special School Board Meeting, 8:00 AM**

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 Special Session on Friday morning, October 26, 2018, at 8:00 AM 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 Shirley Budka

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Lawrence

1.03 Roll Call - Shirley Budka, Chris Lawrence, Annette Ferch

1.04 Public Comment - Time was allowed for patrons. Terry Minix spoke on behalf of the girls basketball team. Coaches received a directive that they would be driving the small white buses. Terry listed he has had no training to drive this bus. He is older and has had lasik surgery but still does not see well at night. He has driven the short bus in the summer but conditions are worse during the winter. His concern is with the safety of the students. He felt the safety of the girls should be the top priority in regard to which bus is used rather than a budget decision. He emphasized that he and Coach Lady are helping them with any problems that come up. He considers them his girls, not just his players. He felt that in a system this size that should be the attitude of the athletic director, principal, superintendent, or Board member should be that they are their girls also. He did not feel it was too much to ask at about \$5.00 per student for them to be transported safely.

Dennis Burkett - He coached baseball for 15 years at Culver Military Academy and they used the small buses. Coaches went through a 10 hour course every year to drive those buses. At Culver Community a regular bus driver was utilized and he said it was much less stress on the coach to have someone else drive. If it is a money issue he said he would donate \$500 today to hire a regular bus driver for the season.

Larry Bigler - He felt the same way, that the safety of the students should be paramount in transporting them to games. He felt it is a small price to pay and he would be willing to contribute.

Hollie Boznak - She has a daughter on the team and if the coach that is supposed to drive doesn't feel safe then she doesn't feel safe having her daughter ride that bus. She felt the parents would do whatever they need to do to ensure they could be transported safely.

Mrs. Budka expressed her appreciation for everyone coming and their comments would be taken under advisement. She stated that she had been a school board member for 18 years and she has done it for the kids. She said that it was of the utmost importance to her that the girls are taken care of and that they would be discussing this issue further.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations - Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. Mrs. Budka asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second was by Mrs. Ferch. Dr. Harman introduced Michael Siwy as the candidate he is recommending for the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. He comes from Merrillville with experience as assistant principal and an athletic background. Mr. Matthys had a team of staff members that conducted an extensive interview process and the team's recommendation was Mr. Siwy. Mr. Siwy has his administrator's license and will be on a 220 day contract with a salary of \$66000. Motion passed 3-0. The Board then welcomed Mr. Siwy to the corporation.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation for Varsity Cheerleading Fundraiser on November 23-25, 2018. Motion to approve was made by Mrs. Ferch, second by Mr. Lawrence. This is a fundraiser that the cheerleaders have done in the past over the Thanksgiving Break as they sell concessions at Hensler's. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Other Business Items

5. Curriculum

6. Reports

7. Board Comments

8. Future Meetings

The next Board Meeting will be November 19, 2018. Mr. Nagai asked for time for a question. He wanted to know how the combined salary of the new principal and AD compare to the combined salary of the previous principal and AD. Dr. Harman said there was a reduction of about \$8000.00.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Ferch seconded that motion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 AM.

