

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, February 18, 2019
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 18, 2019, 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 - Chris Lawrence

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - led by Chris Lawrence

1.03 Roll Call - Chris Lawrence, Kurt Hayes, Kyle Hinds, Brandie Ecker, Absent: Annette Ferch

1.04 Public Comment - Ron Henigsmith presented the Board with the wood coasters that were presented to the staff at the high school. Dr. Harman also commented that Mr. Henigsmith and his class made wood plaques for all senior athletes that were recognized last week. Each plaque had a symbol from their sport: a basketball, a swimmer or a treble clef for band members.

Lee Nagai had several comments. He would like to see Open Gym started again. Private music lessons are being offered and he would like to see that promoted. He would like to see school board members attend town board meetings at least every other month. He also would like to see the Board address enrollment. In conclusion he brought up events that perhaps the FFA would be able to become involved in including an event called Envirothon that OD has not participated in for several years.

2. Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to add a professional leave request to the consent agenda. Mr. Hayes made that motion and Mr. Hinds seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

2.01 Approval of the Minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Reports for 1/18/19 and 2/1/19

Vendor Claims 12/14/18, \$210,889.58

Vendor Claims 1/16/19, \$116,678.11

Vendor Claims 1/31/19, \$177,255.42

Payroll Claims 2/1/19, \$107,228.44

Payroll Claims 2/15/19, \$103,475.67

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests

Professional Leave

3/21/19, Kerry Bradway, Eng. Lit. and comp new teacher workshop, Des Plaines, IL

7/9-12/19, Kerry Bradway, Eng. Lang and comp summer institute, Indianapolis

2/17-19/19, Kenley Newbauer, HASTI Conference, Indianapolis

4/23/19, Kathy Roberts, IN FACS Spring Conference, Carmel

Facility Use

6/8/19, OD Alumni, Jr/Sr High Cafeteria for annual banquet

Field Trip

3/21/19, Grade 5 & 6, IN Soybean Assoc. exploring Biotech, Indianapolis

Fundraisers

2/5-2/11/19, Elem Student Council, sale of carnations for Valentine's Day

2/22/19, Elem Student Council, Valentine's Dance for grades 4-6

4/12/19, Drama Club, Play "Ladies Sign No More"

5/4-5/19, PTA, Spring Bazaar at the Fairgrounds

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Cleo Ferch, bus driver and office aide

New Hires and reassignments

Jack Minter, first grade special needs aide

Ron Henigsmith, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Tori Chessor, 5/6 grade cheer coach

Leave of Absence

Melissa Edwards, leave of absence for the 2019-2020 school year

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Hinds, second was by Mr. Hayes.

Discussion: Mr. Hayes asked if we had a bus go down and we did have a problem and the bus had to be towed to Wiers. Mr. Hinds brought up on one of the professional leave requests the meal request for Mrs. Newbauer needs to be corrected to \$75.00 for the conference.

Dr. Harman noted that Oregon-Davis Alumni will have their annual banquet on June 8. Also the PTA is planning for a spring bazaar to use the fairgrounds, details will be coming. As far as personnel, Dr. Harman made note of the recommendation by Mr. Bennett to place Jack Minter as an aide at the elementary. He has been doing a very good job according to Mr. Bennett. Also Dr. Harman pointed out that Melissa Edwards has requested a leave of absence for next year according to the collective bargaining agreement.

Miss Ecker had a question about the Elementary carnation sales. It was determined they are expecting to make a net profit of \$50.00 from this fundraiser.

With no further discussion the Consent Agenda passed 4-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar and the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Motion was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Hinds. A few changes have occurred. There will be two teacher work days at the beginning of the school year. The corporation will explore e-learning days for the future. The administration will determine what is best for the students. The calendar could be amended with a line at the bottom to say e-learning days could be used for inclement weather. One of the big concerns is how do you address non-certified staff on e-learning days since they will not be working and will not get paid. There will be more discussion on this topic and more information will be forthcoming. Dr. Harman also pointed out that the 2020-2021 calendar is tentative. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve Mrs. Nicole Salazar to be reappointed as a board member of the Starke County Public Library Board. Motion was made by Mr. Hinds and seconded by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 4-0 to reappoint Mrs. Salazar to the board thru 2023.

3.03 Recommendation to approve NEOLA policies 2221 and 5350. Motion was made by Mr. Hinds and second was by Mr. Hayes. Policy 2221 involves an update to the mandatory curriculum that the corporation prepares, implements, and supervises. The new policy includes the instruction of computer science. Policy 5350 involves an update to the 2017 student suicide and prevention policy. Motion passed 4-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve Resolution 01-19. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Hinds. This resolution addresses the need to transfer funds to the Post Retirement/ Severance Future Fund per the 2018-2019 Master Teacher Agreement so that payments can be made as per the MOU under Appendix C in the Master Teacher Agreement on March 1, 2019. Motion passed 4-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve Resolution 02-19. This resolution allows the transfer of funds from the education fund to the operations fund. Motion was made by Mr. Hinds and second was by Mr. Hayes. This resolution follows IASBO recommendations. This resolution allows the corporation to transfer \$80,000 every month. Motion passed 4-0.

3.06 Recommendation to accept the donation from the Cheryl Welter Community Foundation for \$300.00 to the Music Department. Motion made by Mr. Hinds and second by Mr. Hayes. Mrs. Ohime applied for this and will be used to help students in her classes. Motion passed 4-0.

3.07 Recommendation to accept the donation from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation for \$250.00 for Ms. Vogel to use in her classrooms. Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second was by Mr. Hinds. The check was made out to the elementary school by mistake as Ms. Vogel applied for these funds and they were granted for her use. Motion passed 4-0.

3.08 Recommendation to accept the donation from the Knox Lodge F A M 639 (Free and Accepted Masons) for \$665.00 to the Music Department. Motion made by Mr. Hinds. Second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Other Business Items

5. Curriculum

5.01 Report from Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon-Davis Elementary - Mr. Bennett made a presentation on how they are using data gathered at the elementary school to help teachers determine how students are progressing. Mr. Bennett said this information can help teachers know which students are showing growth and in what areas. It can also help teachers know in which areas they need to do further review.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports - March 18 will be the next meeting. Dr. Harman passed out the budget snapshot to the board and pointed out that Mrs. Salazar is still going to keep track of funds in the operations category.

Dr. Harman wanted to commend a couple of employee groups, Scott Taylor and his crew in cleaning and shoveling walks, salting doing whatever needed to be done and also Bobby Ferch and the bus drivers for their cooperation. The drivers are up early getting their buses ready and transporting students safely.

Some student success stories: We have several auto tech students that passed ASE certification tests at Knox. Derrick Mattson has passed 8 certifications, Kami Saylor has passed one, Hayden Danford has passed three and Colton Sliwa has passed two.

Dr. Harman recognized the girls basketball team as sectional runner-up. He also commended the swim program. The girls 200 free relay team consisting of Kara Hickman, Hannah Hickman, Miranda Mills and Logan Trott were sectional 2nd round qualifiers. The boys 200 meter free relay team consisting of Tyler Ailes, George Turner, Kameron Orr & Payton Norem were sectional 2nd round qualifiers and set a new school record. In the boys 50 meter freestyle George Turner was a sectional 2nd round qualifier and set a new school record.

Boys basketball will finish up their season this week. They play Laville on Tuesday, and host Boone Grove on Friday. Sectional draw was last week and Oregon-Davis drew the bye so we will not play until March 1.

Lastly he wanted to mention we did have a fundraiser for the Winamac student that lost his life in a bus accident last month. \$222.91 was raised and a check will be sent out this week.

6.02 Principal's Reports - Mr. Bennett reported that students had a good time celebrating Valentine's Day. Had a meeting on Friday with the Community Foundation and found out that through donor support Oregon-Davis will be receiving funds to sponsor Kindergarten Jump Start again. Mr. Bennett also wanted to say as a parent he really appreciated the work that April has done with the swim team. He appreciated the time she took to work with his son and a couple

of other students with disabilities, they were able to swim in a couple of exhibition meets at other schools and she really took the time to work with them.

Dr. Harman noted that although this is FFA week, Mr. Carlin informed him that their activities to celebrate FFA Week will be at a future date considering the weather delays and cancellations we have recently had. Notice of these events will be published in the newsletter and Bobcat Blast. Mr. Carlin and some FFA Members will be visiting WKVI this week.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Lawrence mentioned that while working in the concession stand he wanted to thank members of the public that donate extra money to help the students when they find out what the concession funds are going to be used for.

8. Future Meetings

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9. Adjournment

Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion of adjournment. Mr. Hinds made that motion and Miss Ecker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.