

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

Monday, June 15, 2020
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM

Humanities Room, Jr/Sr High School, 5990 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN 46532

The Board of School Trustees of the Oregon-Davis School Corporation met in Regular Session on Monday evening, at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – Annette Ferch

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Annette Ferch

1.03 Roll Call – Annette Ferch, Chris Lawrence, Brandie Ecker, Kurt Hayes, Kyle Hinds

1.04 Public Comment – none

1.05 Superintendent Contract Public Hearing – Mrs. Ferch suspended the meeting for the public hearing. No comments or discussion were offered. Mrs. Ferch made a motion to commence the meeting, second was by Chris Lawrence.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – May 18, 2020

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports
Deduction Checks Posting Report 5/22/20
Payroll Claim Listing 5/22/20, 6/5/20
Vendor Claim Listing 5/31/20, 6/15/20

2.03 Approval of Travel and Facility Requests, Fundraisers, and Donations
Professional Leave

Field Trips

Facility Use

Fundraisers

Donations

\$500 Donation to the Class of 2020 from Traffic Control Specialists
\$1280 Donation to the Food Service Dept. for lunch delivery volunteers from Northern Indiana Community Foundation

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignation

Hannah Shipley – Jr/Sr High School Guidance Counselor

Appointments

Vincenzo Carrasco – Head Varsity Boys' Golf Coach
Vincenzo Carrasco – Head Cross Country Coach
David Pinkham – Head Girls' Golf Coach
Stephanie Campbell – Head Volleyball Coach
David Campbell – Asst. Varsity/Head JV Volleyball Coach
Jessica Danford – 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Coach
Logan Trott – 6th Grade Volleyball Coach
Elizabeth Cooper – Asst. Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach
Yesenia Godoy – Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach

New Hires

Cameron Taylor – part time summer groundskeeping
Nolan Green – part time summer groundskeeping
Sonia Hensley – Jr/Sr High School Guidance Counselor

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the New Hires portion pulled out to vote on separately was made by Kurt Hayes, second by Chris Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

2.04 New Hires motion to approve was made by Mr. Hinds, second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Ms. Ecker abstaining.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve Food Bids for 2020-2021 School Year
Motion to approve made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Starke County Youth Club
Ms. Ecker had a question about contingency for responsibilities should the DOE decide to shut down after school programs. Mr. Dermody responded that the current plan is in effect through next year. The DOE is forcing them to go a year out. This plan is for 2021-2025. They need to have a school agree to host to apply for this grant. This has been reviewed by the school attorney and principals. This is just an agreement that the school will participate with SCYC. Motion to approve made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve Athletic Department Waiver Language
The purpose of the waiver language is to limit our liability and comes from our insurance company with approval from the school attorney. IHSAA has approved that student athletes will not need a new physical for the 2020-2021 school year but student athletes will have to sign these waivers. If they do not sign the waivers they will not play. Motion made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.04 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 Lunch Prices
Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Hinds. Mr. Messer requested a price increase waiver and this was granted because of the good stewardship performed by Mr. Messer and the Food Service Department in managing their budget and ending 2019 with a positive balance in their funds. Motion passed 5-0.

3.05 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 Jr/Sr High School Book Adoption

The question was asked on who would be teaching the classes. Mrs. Bradway would be teaching the Speech classes, Mrs. Roberts the new FACS classes and Mrs. Wells the Psychology and Sociology classes. The principals decided to put on hold the adoption of new English/Language Arts materials at this time. Motion passed 5-0.

3.06 Recommendation to approve 2020-2021 Instructional Fees

Fees from 7th grade on up decreased due to the English/Language Arts materials being put on hold. Elementary fees stayed the same as last year due to the same reason. Motion to approve made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mr. Hinds. Motion passed 5-0.

3.07 Recommendation to approve Purchase of Cafeteria Sealer

This will be used to deliver hot meals to students and staff in a safe manner. The machines will be at no cost to us as long as we purchase the trays from this company and the trays are less expensive from them than from our regular sources. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

3.08 1028 Project Hearing and Lease Hearing

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to suspend the meeting to enter into the 1028 Project Hearing and Lease Hearing. Motion to suspend was made by Ms. Ecker, second was by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Thomas Peterson, bond counsel for the school then explained the lease and the bond process. He also announced that two gentlemen, Mr. Luther Ferch and Mr. Fred Koppenhofer have served on the Holding Corporation for over 25 years and will be stepping down. He went on to explain that the projects are for the elementary and jr/sr high school and neither project is to exceed \$3 million. The school has received an excellent rating for the bonds in the process. The public was then afforded the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Ms. Ecker made a motion to suspend the public hearing and go right to the EMCOR presentation. Mr. Hinds seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. EMCOR made their presentation based on discussions with individuals at the school on items to be looked at in this project. The cost of these items was considerably more than what the project cost was proposed. EMCOR officials explained that this is the list of items that can then be prioritized to come within the framework of the financial side of the projects. After their presentation was concluded a motion was made by Ms. Ecker to reopen the public hearing, second was by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0. After a lengthy question and answer discussion, Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion to close the hearing. Ms. Ecker made a motion to close the hearing with Mr. Lawrence seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3.09 Recommendation to approve 1028 Project Resolution

Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

3.10 Recommendation to approve Authorizing Execution of Lease Amendment and Approving Building Corporation and Issuance of Bonds

Motion to approve made by Ms. Ecker, second by Mr. Hayes. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

4.01 EMCOR Service Recommendations

5. Curriculum

5.01 Summer School Report – It has been approved and administrators are still working on the design. Part of the survey that was sent out to parents was targeted about Kindergarten jumpstart and first – sixth grade. More information will be announced at a later date. The only program going on for the Jr/Sr High School is the Summer Agricultural Experience, which is all virtual.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Mr. Dermody addressed concerns the Board had at previous meetings. This week a representative from ESCRFT will be doing an inspection of the grounds as far as our liability concerns and the Kindergarten playground will be reviewed at that time, more information will be coming after his visit. The back area has had dirt brought in and has been seeded, fertilized and regularly watered with the hope that the area will be ready to go in the fall. The debris pile will be removed very soon. The athletic field irrigation has been corrected and is being regularly watered. The state championship signs are getting some prototype signs and hopefully by the start of school that issue will be resolved. Registration has not been finalized yet and hope to have that publicized soon and should take place in mid to late July. The survey that was sent out to parents ties in with registration. So far there has been about a 50% return on the surveys and that information will help in making final plans for registration. He also took the opportunity to again thank Mr. Ferch, Mr. Koppenhofer and Mr. Hobe Martin for the service they performed for the school by serving on the building corporation board. The planning committee made up of BJ Awald, Bill Bennett, Drew Carlin, Jerry Miller, Jesiah Clemons, Nikki Salazar, Scott Taylor, Jeff Messer, Bobby Ferch, Tricia Huitt, Kathy Roberts and Liz Browne will be meeting again this week. More details will be available after this week. Whatever the school chooses to do must be approved by the Starke County Health Department. He thanked everyone that served on this committee. He will give an update to the board at the next meeting before passing it on to the new superintendent.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Mrs. Awald reported on the preparations for graduation so everything will be ready for July 1. She gave credit to Mrs. Marsh for all the work she has put in on the scheduling for next school year. She also gave credit to Mr. Miller for all of the work he has been doing in preparation for athletics opening up on July sixth and meeting with the coaches before they have students come.

Mr. Bennett – Focus has been on reentry and how it will be for Kindergarten students. Work has been done finishing up grants and state reports. The sheriff's department would like to do something for the students on the first day of school like popsicles or ice cream to help welcome them back to school. He also mentioned that they have two retirees that we would like to be recognized at a future board meeting.

7. Board Comments

The only comment was that the Board would like to have a copy of the presentation by EMCOR sent to them.

8. Future Meetings

8.01 Board Meeting: June 22, 2020

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Ferch asked for a motion of adjournment. Mr. Lawrence made that motion with Ms. Ecker seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.