

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, April 26, 2021
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, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the Humanities Room of the Jr/Sr High School.

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order – by Kyle Hinds

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – led by Kyle Hinds

1.03 Roll Call – Kyle Hinds, Chris Lawrence, Brandie Ecker, Lee Nagai, Ben Lady by zoom

1.04 Public Comment – none

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to add addendum Items 2.01 corrected Minutes for February 15, 2021 and Item 2.03 Facility Use. Motion to add addendum items was made by Mr. Nagai and second by Mr. Lawrence. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approval of the Minutes – March 22, 2021, February 15, 2021 corrected minutes

2.02 Approval of Financial Reports

Deduction Checks Posting Reports - 3/19/21, 4/2/21, 4/16/21

Vendor Claims – 3/31/21, 4/26/21, \$648,354.53

Payroll Claims – 4/2/21, 4/16/21, \$221,052.15

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

Professional Leave

3/22/21, Jerry Miller, AD Mentor, IHSAA, SB Career Academy

4/7/21, Jim Ash, Lifeguard Instructor Course, Valparaiso High School

4/14/21, Jerry Miller, AD Mentor, IHSAA, SB Career Academy

4/16/21, ½ Day, Bettie Awald IASP Dist. 2 Principal's Meeting, Northwood High School

4/19/21, ½ Day, Jerry Miller, IHSAA Spring Principal Meeting via ZOOM

4/20/21, David Pinkham, 2 class periods for Porter Trust Meeting

4/23-4/26/21, Kerry Bradway & Kay Marsh, Senior Trip Chaperones

4/29/21, Kristin Kubacki, Natl. FFA, Virtual SAE for All Seminar

5/5/21, Jerry Miller, AD Mentor, IHSAA, SB Career Academy

6/7-6/8/21, Kristin Kubacki, IAAE Summer Workshop, IN Assoc. of Ag Educators

Field Trips

5/18/21, Grades 3 and 4 to Fair Oaks Farm, sponsored by Farm Bureau

Facility Use

5/15/21, Scill EMS Class to use 10 classrooms in the Jr/Sr High School

5/15-5/16/21, Starke Co EMS, gym and classroom in the Jr/Sr High School

Fundraisers

Class of 2023, Selling tumblers/mugs, 4/12-5/3/21 taking orders (OD designed-Simon Speed Shop producing)

Band Boosters, 4/24/21, Silent Auction in hallway in conjunction with Drama Production

Girls Golf Team, 8/14-15/21, Pop-up Escape Room at Yellowstone Trail Festival

Donations

The Hardesty Memorial Endowment, \$25,000.00-student debt

Jerry and Loretta Danford, \$200.00-Baseball

Farm Fertilizer and Seeds, \$500.00-Baseball

Michael & Tracy Thompson, \$50.00-Athletics

S&C Hair Salon, \$150.00-Baseball

Norton Corp., \$750.00-Baseball

Koch Farms, \$250.00-Bsseball

Anonymous, \$100.00-Baseball

2.04 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resignations

Bayli Czarnecki, Food Service

Thomas Glennon, CTE Teacher

New Hires

Cody Clady, Special Education Teacher

Matt Ohime, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

Shelly Simon, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

Justin Risner, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach

Seth Huitt, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

Bryce Kessler, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

Cody Clady, Head Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach

Austin Clady, Assistant Varsity Girls' Soccer Coach

Cody Clady, Head Coed Jr. High Soccer Coach

Brent Hudspeth, Head Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach

Jeff Stryker, Assistant Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach

Motion was made by Mr. Nagai second was by Mr. Lawrence.

Mr. Bennett asked Ms. Quinn or Mrs. Awald to update on the new Special Education Teacher being approved tonight. Ms. Quinn updated on his education and interests and is very anxious to come and work with current teachers to learn and grow within the program. He ia also anxious to help in other ways with extracurriculars. Mr. Bennett added that this position was eliminated 2 or 3 years ago and the case load for Mrs. Cavinder has increased greatly over the last year and

this addition will help. He will also be taking on a coaching position for a varsity sport which is always an added benefit for a teacher to take on those kinds of positions and build relationships with the students.

Mr. Hinds wanted to add his gratitude to the Hardesty Foundation for their donation for the assistance with student debt and for the many listed above for the assistance to the athletic department. Mr. Bennett also commended the baseball coaches and team for all of the work they have done on the baseball field to help get the donations and working to make the field safer and more attractive.

Motion passed 5-0.

3. Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Recommendation to approve NEOLA Policy 7450 (Property Inventory)

After an explanation by Mr. Bennett the motion was made by Mr. Nagai, second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

3.02 Recommendation for approval of the 2021 Summer School Program

Mr. Bennett had Ms. Quinn and Mrs. Awald give an explanation on the plans for the summer school courses that will be going on in each building this summer. The outlines for these programs is in the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Lawrence and second by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0.

3.03 Recommendation to approve NIESC waste removal contract and recycling RFP

NIESC bargains the contract every 2 to 3 years for the area schools. The rate is going up 3% but it will be locked in for three years. Mr. Nagai made the motion to approve, Ms. Ecker seconded that motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Other Business

5. Curriculum

Under curriculum Mr. Lady asked for an explanation between dual credit classes and AP classes. Mrs. Awald explained that for dual credit the student applies to take that class as a dual credit and as long as they earn a D or higher they will receive their college credit. They try to work with the student so they do not receive lower than a C so as not to hurt their college financial aid applications and so they do not start their college transcript with a D. In Advanced Placement courses the student must receive a 3 or higher on the AP Exam to receive their college credit and some colleges require in some courses a score of 4 or higher. Dual Credit teachers through some colleges must have a masters degree. Through Ivy Tech the teachers license and transcripts are reviewed whether the teacher is approved to teach that course. AP teachers must be approved by College Board and receive AP training. At this point the only dual credit courses that are approved are the AG classes.

6. Reports

6.01 Superintendent Reports – Mr. Bennett reported that on Tuesday night there will be a corporation staff meeting where the Bowen Center will present a program to the staff the employee assistance program. This is something that the corporation is looking at for the staff that would offer 4 sessions with a therapist for each staff member to help with social, emotional issues staff members may be facing. Mr. Janey is hoping to have a report to Mr. Bennett on the HVAC situation. After he receives that report they may schedule a session to discuss the report. Update on the scoreboard—there is power to the scoreboard and it is a new scoreboard. Last year Attica sent up touchpads that they had left over. There is a lot of corrosion where they plug in that will need to be cleaned up. Mr. Bennett will be working with Mr. Clemons to work on the computer program to get it all set up. School Lunch program will be free breakfasts and lunches again next year.

6.02 Principal's Reports – Ms. Quinn Preschool numbers are up to 32, 11 all day, 14 am and 6 pm and 19 would like transportation. For Kindergarten there are 19 kids. Usually, a lot more kindergartners sign up at registration. I Learn testing has started. OD was invited to be a part of the Starke Co. Prevention Resource Fair so Mrs. Magyesee and Ms. Quinn will be manning a booth on Wednesday night. Teacher Appreciation week is next week so they are making it Staff Appreciation week. Different things for each day will be occurring and lunch will be provided on one day. Elementary students are currently swimming.

Mrs. Awald reported that there are 14 students enrolled in CTE courses for this year and we have 25 students that have applied for CTE courses for next year.

7. Board Comments

Mr. Hinds reported that he likes the video messages on Facebook.

Mr. Nagai reported that Starke Co. Economic Development would like to come to the next meeting. Brian Earnest would like to come to the next meeting to talk about re-establishing an Athletic Booster Club. He asked about progress on Junior National Honor Society. Mrs. Awald said the chapter is established and she will be meeting with Jr. High Staff to get the chapter set up properly. He would like to encourage all high school faculty at graduation. Mr. Bennett said that he cannot require them to attend but they will be invited to attend. Mr. Nagai also expressed his appreciation to the Indiana Pork Producers and Farm Bureau for paying for the third and fourth grade field trip to Fair Oaks. One goal Mr. Nagai has, is to have open swimming in the Fall and work for open gym again. Mr. Bennett responded that open swim does have a staff member as a pool coordinator open swim and they will need to have a staff member to be a gym coordinator and that will be a collective bargaining issue to discuss. Another item he proposed was having 2 meetings a month scheduled. Ms. Ecker did not feel that we need two meetings scheduled. Mr. Hinds stated he has thought about that and as long as the Board is accomplishing the action items the superintendent needs he feels one meeting is sufficient and other meetings can be added as needed.

Mr. Lady asked about having a different banner than just a preschool banner for the bus advertising. Mr. Bennett agreed and said he would like to share his vision with them and that was one aspect of that to have a more standard OD banner to push open enrollment and transportation. The other item Mr. Lady brought up was how much he appreciated the Facebook posts to get to know staff members better.

8. Future Meetings

School Board Meeting: May 24, 2021, 6:00 PM

9. Adjournment

Mr. Hinds asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Mr. Lawrence, second was by Ms. Ecker. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Chris Lawrence, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver