

OREGON-DAVIS SCHOOL CORPORATION

**Monday, November 18, 2013
Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM**

**Susan G. Rowles Board Room, Administration Building, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN
46532**

1.0 Call to Order

1.01 Welcome by Chris Lawrence. Attendance: Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Budka, Mr. Volk, school attorney, Mr. Briles, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Pletcher, Mr. Estok, Mrs. Salazar, Jayme Goetz, Terry Minix, Alexandria Minix, Deb Awald, Jack Awald, Mr. Saylor, Laura Saylor, Mrs. VanDeMark, Mr. Dale, Mr. Carlin and students involved in the Veteran's Day presentation.

Absent: Mr. Nagai

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Kyle Hinds

1.03 Recognition of Visitors - Miss Gonderman, Mrs. VanDeMark, Mr. Carlin, Mr. Dale and students (Veteran's Day Program) - The board thanked them for the program. Mrs. VanDeMark explained that the Food/Chem. class worked on the breakfast and the American Studies class did a project of looking at the wars America has been involved in. Then the committee went through the material to compile an Imovie to show on Veteran's Day. Mrs. VanDeMark recognized the individual students on the committee.

Mr. Lawrence then asked for a motion to add Item 2.11 to the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Mrs. Budka, second by Mrs. McIntosh. Vote 4-0.

2.0 Consent Agenda

2.01 Agenda - November 18, 2013

2.02 Minutes - October 21, 2013

2.03 Financial Reports - Appropriations and Fund Reports

2.04 Vendor Claims - \$457,775.30

2.05 Payroll Claims - \$132,104.33

2.06 Programs - none

2.07 Resignations and Non-Renewals - none

2.08 Retirement - none

2.09 Employment and Transfers - JH Cheerleading Coach - Kaylee Slone; 7th Grade Basketball Coach - Ryne Sweeney

2.10 Leave Notices and Field Trip Notices - as listed

2.11 Use of Facilities - Starke Co. Commissioners, November 20, 2013; 4H Dog Club, December 8, 2013; Oregon-Davis PTO, December 19, 2013.

Motion to accept consent agenda was made by Mr. Hayes and second by Mrs. McIntosh. There was no discussion other than it was noted that certificates of insurance were attached to the facility use forms. Motion passed 4-0.

3.0 Discussion/Action Items

3.01 Consideration of recommendation to transfer Hamlet property to township for public use. Motion made by Mrs. McIntosh, second by Mrs. Budka. Discussion: This process started almost ten years ago. Mr. Kaminski is working on the paperwork to transfer the property back to the township. At that time they will take over the liability and upkeep of the property. The stipulation is that part of the property will remain as a park with a ball field for the community. Motion passed 4-0.

3.02 Consideration of advertising to purchase gasoline and diesel fuel for the corporation. Motion made by Mr. Hayes, second by Mrs. Budka. The bid notice will go out this week and bids will be opened at the December meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

3.03 Consideration of recommendation to switch insurance agency from Neace Lukens, Indianapolis to Gibson Insurance, Plymouth. Motion made by Mrs. McIntosh, second by Mr. Hayes. Representatives from Gibson were in attendance to explain what they would be doing for the corporation. Andy Barker explained that Gibson has dedicated a team for just schools and municipalities. Gibson has the power of a big broker but with a local presence. They will advise on contract issues as far as liability and risk assessment. Motion passed 4-0. Gibson will file the change of agent of record with the companies.

3.04 Consideration of recommendation to upgrade computers in central office. Motion made by Mrs. Budka and second by Mrs. McIntosh. Discussion: Mr. Briles explained that about a month and a half ago he put his hand on Brenda's computer and it was hot to the touch. The monitors that you see on those three computers are the entire computer. When Mr. Briles talked to Mr. Kajer about the issue, Mr. Kajer said the computers should have been replaced a year ago. Mr. Briles further explained that with all the information that goes through these particular computers the corporation cannot afford to have them go down. The recommendation is to replace them with the mini-mac and monitors. In that way if a monitor would go down it would be around \$100 to replace whereas an iMac would be about \$1600.00. He further explained that the new air macs being advertised now have more power than the computers currently in use. The question was asked about the software and being able to transfer records. Mr. Kajer will be able to do this and there should not be a problem. Motion passed 4-0.

3.05 Consideration of recommendation to renew administrative contracts. Motion was made by Mr. Hayes and second by Mrs. McIntosh. Every year in November administrative contracts

come up for renewal. They are doing a great job and it is recommended that their contracts be renewed. Motion passed. 4-0.

3.06 Discussion on moving forward with the hiring of Frank Lonigro and Kyle Hinds as School Resource Officers for the Elementary per Safe Schools Grant. This was just a discussion, no vote was necessary. Mr. Lonigro and Mr. Hinds have both been trained as school resource officers. The matching part of the grant is the fob system in the Elementary, along with ipads for security and parallels for the 72 cameras in the school surveillance system. This is just from the grant money and not the school corporation. Mr. Briles will be speaking with the town board on the 19th. In December he would like to move forward with the hiring for them to start in January.

4.0 Other Business Items

4.01 Recognition of donations. The board gave thanks for all the donations for the start of the school year. These include: Members of the Starke Co. Sheriff's Posse for preparing the hogs for roasting and providing the roaster; Saylor's Meat Processing for butchering the hogs for the hog roast; Smith's Farm Store sold charcoal for hog roast at a deduction; Knox Fertilizer donated 2 fertilizer treatments for outdoor athletic fields; Starke County Co-op sold grass seed at a discount for outdoor athletic fields; Lee Nagai Farm donated hogs and charcoal for hog roast, grass seed and additional fertilizer treatments for outdoor athletic fields and T-shirts.

5.0 Curriculum

5.01 Curriculum Report from Mr. Pletcher - Mr. Pletcher gave an overview of the different programs in use in the Jr/Sr High School, how they are using these programs and his plan for going forward to help the students, especially the middle school students, to improve their achievements.

6.0 Informational Agenda Items

6.01 Board Member Reports - Mrs. Budka thanked the board, Mr. Briles and the administration for the flowers that were delivered to her house. Mr. Hayes wanted to recognize the two girls that signed their letters of intent. He thanked Mr. Minix for the good job he is doing to keep the program going. Mr. Lawrence also congratulated the girls and wished all the winter sports good luck.

6.02 Superintendent/Principal Reports - Mr. Briles: Grades are in from the state, elementary received a B, Jr/Sr High School received a C and overall the corporation received a C. He also thanked Mr. Bennett for going on the ride to check the roads the other morning. He also wished the winter teams good luck and safe travels.

Mr. Bennett - Mr. Corey received a \$500 grant for a field trip. They will be using this as a project based learning project as they determine where they will be going. Tonight he has students at a name that book competition in LaPorte. On Thursday there will be a spell bowl competition for grades 4, 5 and 6 at Boone Grove. Next Tuesday the school will be doing their Give It Back day, teachers plan events for the students. They normally raise around \$1,000 for food certificates and baskets that they make up. December 11th will be the Elementary Christmas Program.

Mr. Pletcher - the construction class is making good progress on the pavilion they are working on at the golf course. The Leader did a story on the project. Mr. Eskridge approached him today for a recycling art project. They will be using the middle foyer for this project and will have an art show during the Band Concert December 4th. He was very impressed with the Veteran's Day Program. He was so proud of the kids and was impressed with how well behaved they were. Mrs. McIntosh made mention of the physics class doing the boats in the pool. It was a fun project for the students. Mr. Estok mentioned it is good for the community to see things like this going on in the school. Mr. Pletcher said there is a lot of great teaching going on in the school. The teachers do a really good job of trying to make those real world connections.

6.03 Staff Member Reports - none

6.04 Requested Visitor Participation - none

6.05 Adjournment - Mr. Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. McIntosh made that motion, Mrs. Budka seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Kurt Hayes, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Julie McLiver