

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 PM, Monday, May 20, 2024
701 Parker Avenue, Ontonagon, MI 49953
Ontonagon Area School Library**

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Ontonagon Area Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 PM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, May 20, 2024. Present – Nancy Mattson, Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich, Bill Wood, Carl Lockhart, Tanya Weisinger and Pat Tucker. (All Board Members Present)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Mattson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of addendum agenda Item E, supported by Yaklyvich. All voting AYE, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES Mattson made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the minutes as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Tucker made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to acknowledge the April/May General Fund invoices in the amount of \$17,134.82. AYE: Morgan, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Wood, Mattson, Tucker, Weisinger NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the May General Fund invoices in the amount \$50,981.83. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the May Sinking Fund Payment in the amount of \$13,493.00. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None. (Tim Nelson was unable to attend per his request)

LAWN CARE BID Recommend that the Board approve the Lawn Care Bid from Robert Graham for the 2024 mowing season in the amount of \$3,900.00. Exhibit A attached. Motion made by Yaklyvich, supported by Tucker to approve the lawn care bid. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

SET 2024-2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET HEARING

The superintendent recommends that the Board set the public hearing for the 2024-2025 proposed general fund budget to be held on June 17, 2024, at 5:30 pm, and re-schedule the regular June board meeting to follow. Motion made by Mattson, supported by Weisinger to approve the budget hearing. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

2024 L-4029 TAX RATE REQUEST

The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the 2024 L-4029 Tax Rate Request setting the operational millage for non-homestead properties at 18.0000 mills, the debt retirement millage on all properties at .70000 mills and the sinking fund millage at 1.2853 mills. Exhibit C1 and C2 attached. Motion made by Yaklyvich, supported by Mattson to approve the L-2029 Rate Request. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommend the transfer of Lindsey Kalla to 4th grade teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Motion made by Mattson, supported by Yaklyvich to approve Lindsey Kalla for the 4th grade position. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Recommend the hiring of Payton Drew for the Secondary ELA/Social Students position pending pre-employment and continuing progress towards licensing for the 2024-25 school year. Motion made by Yaklyvich, supported by Mattson to approve Payton Drew for the position. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

STAFFING RESIGNATION - HIRING / SUPPORT STAFF (Addendum E)

Recommend the Board accept the resignation of Brad Kalla, Bus Driver Position, effective May 18, 2024, per attachment. Motion made by Tucker to accept with regret, supported by Yaklyvich to accept the resignation. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Recommend the Board fill the vacant Bus Driver Position with Dave Hoffman at the regular rate of \$19.57 vs. temporary rate of \$16.84 for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Motion made by Mattson, supported by Lockhart to approve filling this at the regular rate. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

SINKING FUND PROJECTS

Recommend that the board approve the bids totaling \$50,972.48 for locker room updates scheduled to be completed this summer. Exhibits E1-E5 attached. This will be done in multi-phases and plan to have this phase done before start of school year. Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Morgan, Tucker, Mattson and Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

No committee reports.

Ms. Johnson reported –

--ISD Meetings

Attending GOISD planning meetings to try to determine how they will support schools moving forward. Relooking at meeting structures for administrators moving forward.

--Great Start

Contract is now in final stages, draft was provided to the board. Will likely see advertisements in the next few weeks by the ISD for program registration.

Will be a 5 day/week program using the school calendar; will need to hire help for parapro and bus monitors with reimbursement from ISD.

-Year End Wrap Up

Elementary students are taking a number of field trips this month. Senior celebrations are occurring this week.

Last day of school June 7 (half-day).

--Athletics

New scoreboards in the Gym—the Elementary Youth Basketball Program will be funding the purchase of new scoreboards and the electrical installation.

--Testing reports will be coming in the future.

--Summer School

We have been notified that we are required to be licensed under state law for the grant we received, which was not clear. Due to this many schools are returning the grants; need 20 kids for the grant and only 5 or 6 are registered at this time and may not be worth it for us to hold summer school. More recruitment will be occurring once licensing work is determined if feasible.

Mr. Uotila – Absent, no report.

KUDOS /THANK YOU

Kudos and thanks to Dave Hoffman for stepping up to fill the bus driver vacancy on short notice.

Kudos and thanks to the Elementary Youth Basketball Program for the new scoreboards.

Thanks to all for support of the Great Start Program.

Kudos to all involved for the hard work in the math program with improved scores.

Kudos to the Robotics team on a job well done at Worlds.


Lisa thanked Betsy Guilbault and Jodi Store for their extra efforts with prom, senior trips and all extra help during this time of the year. Kudos to Peggy Kukanich for doing a good job with the Business Specialist position.

ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood to adjourn at 6:22 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President



Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary