

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
8:30 AM, Thursday, August 8, 2024
701 Parker Avenue, Ontonagon, MI 49953
Ontonagon Area School Library**

CALL TO ORDER A special meeting of the Ontonagon Area Board of Education was called to order at 8:31 AM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Present – Nancy Mattson, Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich, Pat Tucker and Carl Lockhart--Late Arrival at 8:43 AM. Absent: Tanya Weisinger and Bill Wood

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Mattson made a motion, supported by Tucker, to accept the agenda. All voting AYE, motion carried. ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood, Lockhart

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CLOSED SESSION - CONTRACT NEGOTIATION(S)

Tucker made a motion, supported by Mattson to enter into closed session at 8:33 AM. All voting AYE, motion carried. ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood, Lockhart

Tucker made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich to return to open session at 8:41. All voting AYE, motion carried. ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood, Lockhart

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - POTENTIAL RATIFICATION OF CONTRACTS

Ontonagon Teachers Education Association (OTEA) Contract
Tucker made a motion, supported by Mattson to approve the ratification of the OTEA contract. All voting AYE, motion carried. ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood, Lockhart

Ontonagon Education Support Personnel (OESP) Contract
Mattson made a motion, supported by Tucker to approve the ratification of the OESP contract. All voting AYE, motion carried. ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood, Lockhart

{Carl Lockhart attends the meeting at 8:43 AM}

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Recommendation that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 24-25 school year. (EXHIBIT C)
Mattson made a motion, supported by Tucker to approve the 2024-25 school calendar. All voting AYE, motion carried.
ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommendation to hire Scott Kemppainen for the Full Time Math position, contingent upon all pre-employment requirements. Superintendent Johnson gave the board a brief update about Mr. Kemppainen's background, he is licensed in Math and Science. Mattson made a motion, supported by Tucker to approve the hiring of Scott Kemppainen. All voting AYE, motion carried.
ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

Recommendation to hire Adriana Ruiz for the Student Learning Advocate/Teacher position, contingent upon all pre-employment requirements and the obtaining of appropriate emergency license. Continued employment will be contingent upon progress towards the successful completion of permanent license and completion within three years. Superintendent Johnson gave a brief update about the position and Ms. Ruiz background. Tucker made a motion, supported by Mattson to approve the hiring of Adriana Ruiz. All voting AYE, motion carried.
ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

Recommendation to approve a 1 year leave of absence for Joan Zyhowski for 1/3 of her position for the 2024-25 school year. Superintendent Johnson reported that Ms. Zyhowski has been working the 4 hours on site for the past year and the other hours have been filled with other staff.

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Mattson to approve the 1/3 absence for Joan Zyhowski. All voting AYE, motion carried.
ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

Potential openings for 24/25 school year discussion:

Superintendent Johnson would like to post "Generic" postings to move forward with potential openings. Tucker made a motion, supported by Mattson to approve the postings for potential openings. All voting AYE, motion carried.
ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation to hire Renee Glover as a bus driver contingent on her passing all bus driver requirements.

Ms. Glover has been training with George Truscott and will be taking the final driver test toward the end of the month.

This will be a morning and night run position.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich to approve the hiring of Renee Glover. All voting AYE, motion carried.

ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

Recommendation to hire Ed Seid as a bus driver contingent on passing all bus driver requirements.

Mr. Seid is a returning driver and fully qualified for the part-time/substitute bus driver position.

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Tucker to approve the hiring of Ed Seid. All voting AYE, motion carried.

ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

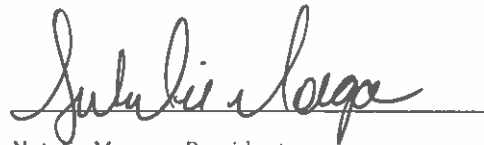
Recommendation of the posting of a bus aide position to support students on the bus. (EXHIBIT E)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Tucker to approve the posting for a bus aide position. All voting AYE, motion carried.

ABSENT: Weisinger, Wood

ADJOURN

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich to adjourn at 9:08 AM. All voting AYE, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Natalie Morgan", written over a horizontal line.

Natalie Morgan, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Josh Yaklyvich", written over a horizontal line.

Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

