

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Immediately Following Public Hearing, Monday, June 17, 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 5:44 PM by Vice-President, Nancy Mattson, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, June 17, 2024. Present – Nancy Mattson, Josh Yaklyvich, Bill Wood, Carl Lockhart, Tanya Weisinger and Pat Tucker. Absent: Natalie Morgan

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**        The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**        Wood made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Lockhart. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**                Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the minutes from the May 20, 2024 regular meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Tucker, to accept the minutes from the June 4, 2024 special meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**                Tucker made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to acknowledge the May/June General Fund invoices in the amount of \$9,444.41. AYE: Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Wood, Mattson, Tucker, Weisinger. NAY: None. Absent: Morgan. Motion carried.

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the June General Fund invoices in the amount \$35,831.41. AYE: Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Wood, Mattson, Tucker, Weisinger. NAY: None. Absent: Morgan. Motion carried.

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the June Sinking Fund Payments in the amount of \$5,542.96. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**                None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                Tim Nelson addressed the board regarding his feelings about the current administration and school board members. Acting President Mattson thanked Mr. Nelson.  
OASD did not receive a hard copy of his public comments.

#### SET REGULAR MEETING TIME, DATE, PLACE

The Board should establish the regular meeting time, date and place. Regular meetings have been set for the third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM in the past. (See Exhibit A)  
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the Meeting Schedule. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL PUBLISHERS

The Board should designate the Ontonagon Herald and/or the Ironwood Daily Globe and the Daily Mining Gazette as official publishers.  
Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the Publishers: AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

The Board should designate Citizens State Bank, Miners State Bank, and MILAF (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus) as depositories for school funds.  
Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the Depositories. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF PERSON FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Board should designate the Secretary of the Board and/or members of the Central Office Staff for posting public notices of meetings.  
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the Posting Notices. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### DELEGATION OF ELECTION DUTIES

The Secretary of the Board of Education should exercise his/her right to delegate election duties to a member of the District's Central Office Staff. If duties are delegated, it must be recorded in the Board's minutes.  
Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the Election Duties. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The Board should retain the Lansing law firm of Thrun Law Firm. Lockhart made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the Thrun Law Firm. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

The Board should adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official meeting rules. Weisinger made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the Meeting Rules. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### RE-ADOPTION OF CURRENT POLICY BOOK

The Board should re-adopt the current Board policy book. Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the Policy Book. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### OFFICIAL LIAISON TO MASB

The Board President should be designated as the official liaison to the Michigan Association of School Boards. The liaison receives special mailings from the Association. Weisinger made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the MASB. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### MASB, ISD MEETINGS

The Board should approve attendance for its members at meetings sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards or the Intermediate School District for Board members. Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the Attendances. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### BANK ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

The Board should approve Lisa Johnson, Peggy Kukanich and Nancy Walker as authorized signatures on the following bank accounts:

General Fund, Student Service Fund, Payroll Account, Capital Projects Fund, Student Activity Fund, Debt Retirement Funds, Retirement Fund, and Scholarship/Memorial Funds.  
Weisinger made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the Authorized Signatures. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / APPROVE 2024-2025 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

Recommended that the Board approve a one-year contract with Peggy Kukanich to be the Business Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit L1)

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for Bob Clark to be the Building and Grounds Supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit L2)

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for George Truscott to be the Transportation Supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit L3)

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for Lexie Razmus to be the Food Service Supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year. (Exhibit L4)

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Jon Uotila for the 1/3 Assistant Principal position for the 2024-2025 school year. (See Exhibit L5)

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / APPROVE 2024-2025 BUSINESS ASSISTANT CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Nancy Walker for the Business Assistant position for the 2024-2025 school year. (See Exhibit M)

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / APPROVE 2024-2025 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Josh Drew for the Athletic Director position, for the 2024-2025 school year. (See Exhibit N)

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / APPROVE 2024-2025 ACCOUNTANT CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Linda Karttunen for the Accountant Contract position, for the 2024-2025 school year. (See Exhibit O)

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the one year contract. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / SUMMER CUSTODIAN

Recommended that the Board approve the hire of Tami Domitrovich for the Summer Custodian position, 6 hours per day for up to 10 weeks.

Tucker made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the Custodian hire. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / SUMMER SCHOOL

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Michelle LaBine, Summer School Teacher at a rate of \$25/hour and Scott DeHut, Peggy Lewis, Corrie Kaarto and Kadin Mustafa as ParaProfessionals at an hourly rate of \$17.07 for the Summer School Program dependent on enrollment. (Staff will be adjusted pending enrollment)

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the summer staff. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the rate of \$150/student/course for High School Credit Recovery for teachers who grade credit recovery student work in the summer.

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the credit recovery. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

## 2023-2024 FINAL BUDGET

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2023-2024 general fund budget, as presented. (See Exhibit R1)

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the general fund budget. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2023-2024 food service budget, as presented. (See Exhibit R2)

Tucker made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the food service budget. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2023-2024 debt retirement budget, as presented. (See Exhibit R3)

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the debt retirement budget. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

## 2024-2025 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Recommended that the Board adopt the proposed 2024-2025 general fund budget, as presented at the public hearing.

Weisinger made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the proposed 2024-25 budget. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL OF CHOICE RESOLUTION

Recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to be a School of Choice district for the 2024-2025 school year. (See Exhibit T)  
Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the resolution. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan.  
Motion carried.

## 2024-2025 MHSAA DEAD PERIOD

Recommended that the Board acknowledge the Michigan High School Athletic Association "dead period" for our District as July 1 - July 7, 2024.  
Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the "dead period". AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan.  
Motion carried.

## 2024-2025 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Recommended that the Board approve the 2024-2025 Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution. (See Exhibit V)  
Weisinger made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the MHSAA membership resolution. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

## ATHLETICS EWEN FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP

Recommend that the Board approve the following recommendations to bring back to Ewen Collaborative Committee: (see Exhibit W)

- Allow two home games at Ewen for the 2024-25 school year as a trial, with practice held in Ewen each of these weeks to allow for home field items. The school would do everything possible to try to provide or organize transportation for students during these two weeks.
- Summer weight and conditioning training would be split between the two locations.
- Practices during the school year would continue in its current format, except for the extra week of practice at Ewen for the second home game. During the 2024-25 school year, work with the team, coaches, and parents, to get additional feedback and work on a PR plan

regarding the purpose and reason for changes, well ahead of the next season.

- Work would begin in 2024-25, forming a committee to look at a neutral collaborative name and colors that would represent both school districts equally, creating a culture of collaboration that can be utilized for not only football but other sports in the potential future. Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood, to approve the Ewen Football athletics partnership. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

## SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS

Recommend that the Board approve the annual purchase of the science consumable textbooks for grades 6 and 7 for the next six years. (See exhibit X)

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the science textbooks. AYE: Yaklyvich, Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Committee: Operations Team met on May 30, 2024. Discussed the 2024-25 budget work, safety & security money and the posting of bus driver vacancies.

Committee: Education/Athletics Committee met on June 13, 2024. Discussed the Ewen Collaboration Football proposal, Science resources, behavior recording tool, new employee mentoring and Entrepreneurship textbook need.

Superintendent:

Superintendent Johnson reported –

--Building Projects are in progress for locker rooms, emergency lights and a statewide energy efficiency audit was held last week.

--Food service: Milk Company, Twin City Dairy closed their doors on May 31, 2024. Only vendor in area is Jilbert Dairy, pricing is similar to Twin City Dairy.

--Summer School began today, was able to expand to secondary students.

--Summer office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 3pm. Office will be closed the week of July 1, 2024.

--ISD is currently working to support the Great Start Enrollment.

--Literacy planning for the fall has started. 35j Grant.

--Contract negotiations will begin in late June.



Assistant Principal:  
Jon Uotilta reported end of year behaviors/issues were normal.  
No other updates.

KUDOS / THANK YOU

- Thank you to all staff for finishing out another year.
- Thank you to the summer school staff.
- Kudos to the girl's Golf and Track teams.

ADJOURN

Wood made a motion, supported by Lockhart to adjourn at 6:52 PM.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.



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Nancy Mattson, Acting President



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Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

