

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, October 21, 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, October 21, 2024. Present – Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich, Bill Wood, Nancy Mattson Absent: Pat Tucker, Tanya Weisinger, Carl Lockhart.

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**                Wood made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the minutes from the September 16, 2024 regular meeting as presented.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

   Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the minutes from the October 9, 2024 special meeting as presented.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**                Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to acknowledge the September/October General Fund invoices in the amount of \$149,224.99.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart        Motion carried.

   Wood made a motion, supported by Mattson, to acknowledge the October General Fund invoices in the amount of \$76,299.99.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart        Motion carried.

   Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the October Sinking Fund Payments in the amount of \$21,486.14.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart        Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**                None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                 None.

## STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Peggy Elmlad, JV Girls Basketball Coach, effective October 3, 2024. (EXHIBIT A1)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the resignation. Will be posting for the vacancy in the near future.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

Recommendation to accept the resignation from Besty Guilbault, Junior Class Advisor and Yearbook Advisor, effective October 16, 2024.

(EXHIBIT A2)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the resignation.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF

Recommendation that the Board approve the hiring of JoAnn Kemp as Paraprofessional playground aide effective 9/30/24 for 1 hour per day.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the hire.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

Recommendation that the Board hire JoAnn Kemp, Camp Nesbit Advisor, effective immediately.

First fundraiser will be held November 1, 2024-Halloween Carnival.

Wood made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the hire.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## SNOW REMOVAL BID

Recommendation the Board accept the snow removal bid from Seidline Contracting in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

(EXHIBIT C)

Mattson made a motion to table the bid award until a future meeting, supported by Yaklyvich. (Yaklyvich will have to abstain from voting, quorum is required for vote)

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## SMALL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Recommend the Board approve the superintendents attendance at the Small Schools Conference on November 25 and 26, 2024 at Bay Harbor. The ISD will cover registration costs and up to \$90 per night in hotel expenses. Approximate district cost will be \$500.

This will be a great networking opportunity for Superintendent Johson to discuss other issues small schools are facing.

Mattson made a motion to approve attendance, supported by Yaklyvich.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## BOARD POLICY CHANGES - NEOLA/ SECOND READING

Recommendation that the Board approve the NEOLA board policy changes second reading. (EXHIBIT E)

Yaklyvich made a motion to approve attendance, supported by Mattson.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## PURCHASES

Recommend that the Board approve the quote for Refrigerator Repairs in the amount of \$6,914.76 from John's Refrigeration out of the Food Services fund. (EXHIBIT F1) Repairs vs. replacement.

Mattson made a motion to approve the repair, supported by Wood.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the quote for Cafeteria door purchases of \$20,969.68 from LaForce out of 31aa grant funds. (EXHIBIT F2) This is for 2 of 4 cafeteria doors, rated higher for safety per code.

Yaklyvich made a motion to approve the quote, supported by Mattson.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Recommend that the Board of education approve superintendent goals.

Mattson made a motion to approve the repair, supported by Yaklyvich.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## ATHLETIC OFFICIALS RATE INCREASE

Recommend that the Board approve the increase of the Athletic Officials rate increase. (EXHIBIT H)

Rates were not increased at the start of the school year. Refs want increases based on the Copper Country rates. Training for new local legacy refs is in progress, grant through the MHSAA is being used.

Mattson made a motion to approve the increase, supported by Yaklyvich.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS

Recommendation that the Board approve cheerleading as a self funded club for the school district.

Middle school and high school, possibly elementary students; multiple interests to coach. The Homecoming Pep Rally was very positive.

Mattson made a motion to approve the club, supported by Yaklyvich.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

Recommend that the board of education approve the addition of Girls Softball as a self funded sport for the school district. This will be a collaborative co-op team with Ewen. (EXHIBIT I)

Baraga was unable to participate due to low interest. ETC will vote on it this week. Team will have a unique name/color and the home field will be in Greenland.

Mattson made a motion to approve the team, supported by Yaklyvich.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Weisinger, Lockhart Motion carried.

## REPORTS

The Administrative Committee met on September 25, 2024.

-Reviewed snow removal bid, CTE building and budget updates.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

-Held student services meetings to review the needs of students/class work support.

-Budget work in progress; audit is almost complete.

-Instruction resources work; holding 2 meetings per month focusing on teacher needs, hands on training, textbook needs, etc.

-Would like to schedule Board Retreat for Strategic planning work.

Superintendent Johson will create an agenda/priorities list to be discussed. Two meetings were scheduled for November 6 and December 4, 2024.

Assistant Principal Uotila:

- Discipline referrals are down by 280% from September, does not include attendance write ups.
- There have been 3 positive behavior entries.
- Homecoming was a great success, student participation was high in all grades. The engagement was exciting to see. The Powderpuff game went great.
- Trips are set up for welding students to visit AWI and Michigan Tech CEGE (Civil, Environmental and Geospatial Engineering Department.
- Morale is good. Teachers and staff are doing a great job being involved both in and out of the classroom.
- Great interest for the Robotics team this year.

**KUDOS/THANK YOUS**

- \*Kudos to the NHS kids successful Homecoming plans.
- \*Thank you to Betsy Guilbault for her years of service as the Yearbook and Junior Class advisor.

**ADJOURN**

Wood made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich to adjourn at 6:28 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President



Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

