

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, November 18, 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, November 18, 2024. Present – Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich, Bill Wood, Nancy Mattson, Tanya Weisinger. Absent: Pat Tucker, Carl Lockhart.

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**                Wood made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the minutes from the October 21, 2024 regular meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**                Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to acknowledge the October/November General Fund invoices in the amount of \$39,179.21. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart    Motion carried.

Wood made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to acknowledge the November General Fund invoices in the amount of \$53,195.75. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart    Motion carried.

No Sinking Fund Invoices were submitted for approval.

**CORRESPONDENCE**                None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                Tim Nelson spoke regarding the regarding the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach resignation by Brittany Turin-Jilbert.

Stacie Nelson continued to speak about Ms. Turin-Jilbert's resignation until the allowed time per individual was used.

Glen Kibe then spoke about filing a possible discrimination suit on Ms. Turin-Jilbert's behalf for her said resignation.

## **STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR**

Recommendation to accept the resignation of Brittany Turin as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. (EXHIBIT A)

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood. NAY: Yaklyvich, Weisinger.

ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart Motion failed.

Yaklyvich had concerns regarding her resignation and would like the board to review what actions were taken. Board discussion was then held about what processes are currently in place and would like to review this process going forward. There is a coaching handbook in place and additional components could be added, including involving parents in future discussions. Coaching evaluations are performed and retained in the personnel files. The board then agreed to establish specific procedures related to coaching.

Yaklyvich made a motion to accept the resignation and procedures as proposed, supported by Mattson. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart. Motion Carried.

Recommendation the board approve the hiring of Ethan Mapes as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

Two candidates were interviewed, only one had coaching experience.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart. Motion Carried.

Recommendation the board approve the hiring of Kendra Wilber as Girls JV Basketball Coach.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart. Motion Carried.

Recommendation that the board of education approve the hiring of Scott Kemppainen as Yearbook advisor.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Tucker, Lockhart. Motion Carried.

Recommendation that the board of education approve the hiring of Anna Drew as Junior class advisor.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Tucker, 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 B) This was the lowest bid received.

Mattson made a motion to accept the bid, supported by Weisinger.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Weisinger ABSTAIN: Yaklyvich

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

## **RESOLUTION / 2025 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION**

Recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to continue the practice of summer collection of local school taxes (operation and debt service) in Ontonagon, Rockland and Carp Lake Townships, taxes to be collected in the summer of 2025 under the same pro-rata as in 2024, and authorize the superintendent to act as the Board's agent in this matter. (EXHIBIT C)

Mattson made a motion to accept the resolutions, supported by

Weisinger. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Weisinger, Yaklyvich

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

## **2023-2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

Recommended that the Board approve the financial audit report from Anderson, Tackman & Co. showing a general fund balance of \$656,676 at June 30, 2024. (EXHIBIT D)

Superintendent Johnson gave a brief update on the audit.

Weisinger made a motion to accept the audit, supported by Yaklyvich.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Weisinger, Yaklyvich

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

## **GRANT AWARD INFORMATION / ART**

The Ontonagon Area School District has been awarded a total of \$6,865 in grants from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. This includes \$1,500 for project support and \$5,365 for facility improvements and equipment purchases.

This was for information purposes only as the board was required to be made aware of the grant. TV6 was on site and will feature a news story about the grant on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

## REPORTS

The Operations Committee met on October 28, 2024.

- Budget revisions, audit results and Sinking Fund Projects.
- Increased enrollment is up 20 students over the 2024 year.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

- Facilities Updates: ISD/CTE Building update should be received by the December meeting. Currently working with the Village to run a new water line for the Bus Garage.
- Staff PD: Book Study on Discipline in the secondary classroom, will have feedback after Thanksgiving.
- Disciplinary Literacy for grades 4-12 was held on the October 25 PD day.
- Elementary - Focusing on Literacy. Received new textbooks 3 years ago, supplemental pieces have now been added.
- Budget - Legislative update was held today during the Lame Duck Session. Pushing to get last minute items passed, including hard cap insurance cost changes. Will impact the budget, should have a decision in December. FAFS requirements for high school students to graduate.
- Talent Together Employee Enrollment. Have 1 employee enrolled to get a teaching license with some on the waiting list.
- Business Office Cross training is in progress to coverage when necessary.

Assistant Principal Uotila:

- Halloween carnival went well.
- Report cards have been issued.
- 11 disciplinary write ups with a few attendance issues; things are going well overall.
- A 911 call was made by an elementary student from a bus in error. The elementary staff are holding training about 911 information this week. Planning to bring in a police officer in the future.

## KUDOS/THANK YOU

\*Kudos to the Halloween Carnival committee on a job well done.

With official business officially concluded, public comment was reopened to Stacie Nelson at 6:17 p.m. who was unable to finish her discussion prior to the commencement of the agenda items. She finished her statement from public comment.

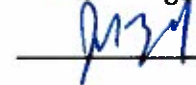
## ADJOURN

Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to adjourn at 6:19 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.



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Natalie Morgan, President



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Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary