

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, January 20, 2025  
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, January 20, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich, Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart.

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**                Business Specialist Peggy Kukanich administered the oath of office to re-elected Board Members Carl Lockhart and Natalie Morgan.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**                Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2024 regular meeting with one correction. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**                Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Lockhart to acknowledge the December/January General Fund invoices in the amount of \$12,233.67.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Lockhart.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the December General Fund invoices in the amount of \$28,971.71.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the January Sinking Fund Payments in the amount of \$5,349.00.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Lockhart.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**                None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                None.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mattson made a motion for the following slate of officers, supported by Yaklyvich:

President - Natalie Morgan  
Vice President - Carl Lockhart  
Secretary - Josh Yaklyvich  
Treasurer - Nancy Mattson

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## **BUDGET**

Recommend that the board accept the updated 2024-2025 budget as presented. (EXHIBIT B)

Superintendent Johnson gave a brief update about budget changes. Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the updated budget as presented.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart NAY: None. ABSENT: None.  
Motion carried.

## **NEOLA POLICY UPDATE / FIRST READING**

Recommendation that the Board acknowledge a first reading of the NEOLA policies as proposed. (EXHIBIT C)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the first reading of the policies as presented.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart NAY: None. ABSENT: None.  
Motion carried.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTION**

Recommend that the board adopt the district strategic plan. (EXHIBIT D)  
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the strategic plan.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart NAY: None. ABSENT: None.  
Motion carried.

## OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUESTS

### German Class

Recommend that the Board approve the German trip as presented (Exhibit E)

- Trip Dates will be March 25, 2026 through April 3, 2026 and dates are tentative at this time.
- ISD will help with costs. Teacher will begin trip plans and start the process with students upon board approval. Betsy Guilbault has also agreed to Chaperone.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the German trip. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

### Robotics

Recommend that the Board approve the trips for Robotics:

- o Escanaba, MI: March 7 - 9, 2025
- o Sault Ste Marie, MI: March 20 - 22, 2025
- o TENTATIVE DATES, pending qualification for the following:
  - Michigan State Championship, Saginaw, MI: April 3 - 5, 2025
  - First World Championship, Houston, TX: April 16 - 19, 2025

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the Robotics dates. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Recommend that the board approve the State of Michigan Minimum Hourly Rate Wage Increase effective February 17, 2025 (start of new payroll period) from \$10.56 to \$12.48 per hour for the substitute support staff and student kitchen workers. (EXHIBIT F)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the minimum wage increase.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## BID / CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE

Recommend that the Board approve the purchase of 90 Chromebooks in the amount of \$18,135 to be paid out of the sinking fund. (EXHIBIT G)  
This was the lowest bid received.

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the Chromebook purchase. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION / SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH**

Superintendent Johnson presented the Board members with certificates of appreciation and thanked them all for their dedication and support to the Ontonagon Area School District Board of Education in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

## **BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS / SELECTION**

The Board had four candidates apply for the vacancies and one, Dustin Linder, was unable to attend the meeting due to weather conditions.

Following the interviews and board discussion, two candidates were appointed to the board.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to appoint Tammy Strasser to the board.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to appoint Heather Beck to the board.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to appoint Lindsey Kalla to the board.

AYE: Yaklyvich

NAY: Lockhart, Mattson, Morgan. ABSENT: None. Motion failed.

Another interview session will be posted and held as soon as possible to fill the final board vacancy.

## **REPORTS**

### **Committees:**

The Administrative Committee met on January 9, 2025 and discussed legal board policy updates, strategic plan, board agenda, budget and administrative update.

Assistant Principal Uotila was absent

Superintendent Johnson gave an update for Principal Uotila.

-Homecoming week was held last week and went well and 3 home games were held in spite of the snow days.

-Very few writeups.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

-Facilities Updates: Working on bids for the locker room phase 2 remodel. Land survey was performed last week for the CTE building purchase.

-Strategic Plan: Met with teachers to discuss next steps of the draft strategic plan, discussing priorities and will be working on project planning over the next month. Will be meeting with the ISD soon to discuss merging a project plan with the state MICIP plan.

-Instructional: Elementary staff have started the process of evaluating the math resources with a goal to have a recommendation this spring. Teacher data meetings were held last week to relook at intervention and student needs for elementary. Mrs. Zyhowski will begin her "Practicum" part of math interventionist this semester and requires 100 hours of work.

-Legislative Updates: Superintendent Johnson gave a brief update of the legislative updates known to date.

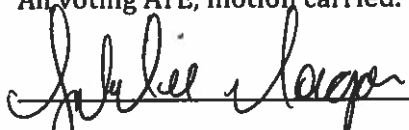
#### KUDOS/THANK YOU

-Kudos and thank you to the board candidates who were able to attend the meeting this evening in spite of the weather and wished all a safe drive home.

-Thank you to ALL staff for their continued hard work.

#### ADJOURN

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to adjourn at 7:14 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.

  
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Natalie Morgan, President

  
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Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

