

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, February 17, 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, February 17, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski, Josh Yaklyvich arrived at 5:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OATH OF OFFICE Business Specialist Peggy Kukanich administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Member Robert Zyhowski.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Mattson made a motion to accept the agenda with changes, supported by Lockhart as corrected. Item B was rescheduled to March due to the inclement weather. All voting AYE, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2025 regular meeting. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to accept the minutes from the January 28, 2025 special meeting. All voting AYE, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Nattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge the January/February General Fund invoices in the amount of \$9,368.82. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the February General Fund invoices in the amount of \$44,404.59. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mattson made a motion to appoint the committees members, supported by Strasser as follows:

Administration–Lockhart, Morgan, Yaklyvich

Operations–Mattson, Morgan, Strasser

Education–Beck, Yaklyvich, Zyhowski

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

NEOLA POLICY UPDATE / SECOND READING

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

Discussion was held about moving to Thrun Law policies in the future and concerns around federal changes in Title IX.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the policies..

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

MID YEAR DATA

Mid Year Data Report by Superintendent Johnson was presented for Math and Literacy for elementary and high school students. The Board requested to have local area comparisons. Lower growth in secondary math, working with staff on strategies and support. Continue to address gaps and increase interventions with students, staffing is a barrier.

REPORTS

Assistant Principal Uotila was absent due to weather. No report.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

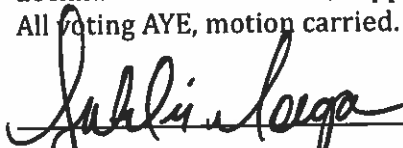
- Facilities Updates: CTE building update is moving forward, title work in progress; utilities will need to be split, OASD will assist with maintenance services through the summer transition period. Waiting on bus garage answers.
- Budget: Need to begin the process internally and post open or potential open positions for next year.
- PD - Staff 2/14/25: Elementary focused on math resources and small group instruction. Secondary focus was on disciplinary literacy.
- Student Teacher: Will have a student teacher from NMU on site in the fall for 3rd grade.
- German Trip: 8 students confirmed, many still thinking about it, depending on the final number we may need to add a male staff chaperone. Final decision will be made next week to hold the trip in April 2026.
- Athletics: Boys Basketball district tournaments will be held here next week. Girls Softball collaborative team name and colors are being decided upon.

KUDOS/THANK YOUS


- Kudos to the elementary staff for their hard work.
- Kudos to Joan Zyhowski for her continued work with Champions.
- Thanks to the bus drivers for dealing with the winter weather conditions.
- Thank You and Welcome to the new board members.

ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to adjourn at 7:00 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President



Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

