

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, March 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, March 17, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski, Heather Beck.. Absent: Josh Yaklyvich

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**        Mattson made a motion to accept the agenda with staffing changes, supported by Beck as corrected. All voting AYE, motion carried.  
  
Mattson volunteered to be the Acting Secretary due to Yaklyvich absence.

**APPROVE MINUTES**        Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2025 regular meeting.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**        Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck to acknowledge the February/March General Fund invoices in the amount of \$17,476.39.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.  
  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the March General Fund invoices in the amount of \$50,961.76.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.  
  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the March Sinking Fund invoice in the amount of \$18,135.00.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**        None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**        None.

## **GOISD PRESENTATION - ALAN TULPPO**

Mr. Tulppo of the GOISD presented the 2023-2024 Annual Services Report.

Topics included services that the ISD offers to the districts, CTE trends, enrollment history, etc. Discussed the future addition of building trades to CTE. Auto technology sites currently in use by the ISD. The Great Start Readiness Program has had much success in the first year at OASD.

The board members had several questions about services and future plans.

## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

Recommend that the Board authorize drivers education for the summer of 2025 with Brian Amos as instructor. Enrolled students at OASD will have first priority, non-enrolled students within our district boundaries will be next, then any interested students from outside our district boundaries can be accepted if there are still seats available. Each enrolled OASD student will be charged \$360 for Segment I and \$50 for Segment II, any non-enrolled students within our district boundaries will be charged \$385 for Segment I and \$50 for Segment II, and any students outside of our district boundaries will be charged \$435 for Segment I and \$50 for Segment II; a non-refundable deposit of \$100 will be required prior to the first classroom session in order for the student to participate in the program.

These rates are the same as prior years.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson to approve the driver education program and rates as presented.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## **BIDS / UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND**

Recommend that the Board approve the 2024-2025 USF (Universal Service Fund) project bids for Network Hardware from SEHI, \$8,520.00 and Fiber Optic Local Area Network Wiring from Bay Electric, \$13,128.00. Total cost is \$21,648.00. USF funding will cover 80%, which leaves the District cost at \$4,329.60. (EXHIBIT C1 & C2)

Superintendent Johnson gave a brief overview of the USF services for technology; REMC works with us on the needs.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the USF Bids.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## **SCHOOL START TIME CHANGE / ELEMENTARY**

Pending union agreement, beginning March 31, 2025, the elementary start time will be at 8:25am and the school end time will be at 3:12 pm. for the remainder of the school year.

Beck made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the time change.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR / ATHLETIC SIGN SALES**

Pending approval from the township, recommend the board approve the sale of advertising for the softball and baseball fields. (EXHIBIT E) Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the athletic sign advertisements.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## **STAFFING / FACULTY**

Recommend that the board approve the posting of a potential part time music teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

This will be a 2 to 3 hour position per day for both elementary and secondary.

Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the music teacher posting.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend that the board approve the posting of a 50% title 1 teacher for the 2025-26 school year. (EXHIBIT F)

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the title posting.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## **STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF**

Recommend that the board accept the resignation of paraprofessional Hannah Welling effective March 21, 2025.

The open position has now been posted.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the resignation.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEES:

The Education/Athletics Committee met on March 10, 2025.

- Discussed Athletic sports for spring, fundraisers and coaching structures.
- Discussed Social Emotional curriculum update, math update and curriculum work priorities such as resources & textbooks.

The Operations Committee met on March 11, 2025.

- Discussed bus garage (no update), CTE building update, sinking fund priorities/proposals, USF funds and 2025-2026 budget timeline.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

- Discipline issues have been minor, nothing serious. Less than last year. Point system was not effective. Seeing some success with a proactive approach. Need other support pieces for social/emotional issues.
- Assisting students with make-up work.
- Detentions have been used on occasion.
- PI Day will be held March 18; TRIO (MTU) Trip to visit UM, MSU and LSSU.
- Four Seniors from OASD have been accepted to the University of Michigan.
- Testing will begin in April.
- JR/SR high track starts March 31, 2025.
- Absenteeism still remains a problem, some seniors are making up their time. Have been working with Paula Domitrovich/Juvenile Court to dive into the attendance issues.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

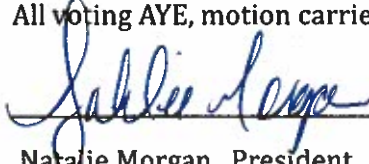
- Facilities Updates: Continue to work on locker room projects, hope to bring the final project to the April board meeting. CTE purchase is in progress.
- Hoping to get an update from the Village on the bus garage.
- Title 1 Work: Continue to work on long term decisions for intervention selections for next year.
- New Resources: Elementary Math - teachers have made recommendations for Bridges and Number Corners for K-5. Secondary Literacy - teachers have decided to look at resources for Intro to Literature, StudySync and Springboard. Jon and Natalie reviewed, all are high quality.
- Test Prep: Teachers will begin MSTEP and PSAT prep work after spring break; state testing will start the second week of April.

## KUDOS/THANK YOUS

- Thanks to the elementary coaches, workers and Jamie Lockhart for another successful Elementary Youth Basketball Tournament.
- Kudos to the Robotics team; they raised over \$7,000 at their fundraiser. Finished in 5th place in Escanaba.
- Kudos to the four Seniors who were accepted to the University of Michigan.
- Kudos to Theresa Amos for her Elementary Teacher Award of the Year by the GOISD.
- Kudos for the upcoming spring break.

## ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to adjourn at 7:03 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.



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Natalie Morgan, President



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Nancy Mattson, Acting Secretary

