

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 PM, Monday, November 21, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Ontonagon Area Board of Education was called to Order at 5:30 PM by President Tanya Weisinger, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan, on Monday, November 21, 2022. Present- Tanya Weisinger, Julie Kolpack, Tammy Strasser, Kelsey Kemppainen, Renec Pantti, Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich. ABSENT: None.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA** Kemppainen made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
- APPROVE MINUTES** Kolpack made a motion, supported by Morgan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 17, 2022. AYE: Kolpack, Morgan, Pantti, Strasser, Kemppainen, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- Strasser made a motion, supported by Pantti, to acknowledge the October and November general fund invoices in the amount of \$7,770.95. AYE: Strasser, Pantti, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Morgan, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Kolpack made a motion, supported by Pantti, to approve the November general fund invoices in the amount of \$97,453.43. AYE: Kolpack, Pantti, Yaklyvich, Morgan, Strasser, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Kemppainen made a motion, supported by Morgan, to approve the November Sinking Fund invoices in the amount of \$25,432.00. AYE: Kemppainen, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Pantti, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- CORRESPONDENCE** The Board received a letter from Kathy Dishaw regarding Wendy Collins-Gouin's work to support and engage students.
- STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF  
HIRE JENKINS** Strasser made a motion, supported by Kemppainen, to hire Daniel Jenkins for the 3 hour custodial position, effective November 7, 2022. AYE: Strasser, Kemppainen, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Morgan, Pantti, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Kemppainen made a motion, supported by Morgan, to hire Kim Funke for the 4 hour bus driver position, contingent upon passing the driving skills test. AYE: Kemppainen, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Pantti, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Strasser-relative. Motion carried.
- STAFFING / COACHING** Morgan made a motion, supported by Pantti, to hire Peggy Elmlblad for the Girls Junior Varsity Basketball coach position for the 2022-2023 school year, effective immediately. AYE: Morgan, Pantti, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Strasser, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- Strasser made a motion, supported by Kolpack, to accept the resignation from Brady Guilbault for the Golf Coach position, effective immediately. AYE: Strasser, Kolpack, Yaklyvich, Morgan, Pantti, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS	Strasser made a motion, supported by Morgan, to accept the proposal from Norman Pestka Construction for snow removal services for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$16,900. AYE: Strasser, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Kempainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Pantti-relative. Motion carried.
NEOLA POLICY UPDATES	Pantti made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge a second reading and adopt the NEOLA policy updates. AYE: Pantti, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Morgan, Kempainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
SCHOOL BUS BONDS	Strasser made a motion, supported by Kempainen, to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of the bonds for the 2023 School Bus Bonds. AYE: Strasser, Kempainen, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Morgan, Pantti, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
2023 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION	Kolpack made a motion, supported by Morgan, to 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 2023 under the same pro-rata as in 2022, and authorize the superintendent to act as the Board's agent in this matter. AYE: Kolpack, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Strasser, Kempainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Pantti-Rockland Township employee. Motion carried.
21-22 FINANCIAL AUDIT	Kempainen made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the financial audit report from Anderson, Tackman & Co. showing a general fund balance of \$432,213 at June 30, 2022. The report noted the District was in compliance with State and Federal accounting requirements and confirmed annual revenues of \$3,926,636, annual expenditures of \$3,703,726, leaving revenues exceeding expenditures of \$222,910. At June 30, 2022, the assigned fund balance was \$34,577 (Severance \$25,000 and Technology \$9,577) and unassigned fund balance was \$397,636. AYE: Kempainen, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Morgan, Pantti, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN UPDATE	Superintendent Johnson reviewed the Continuity of Learning Plan and updated our current status to "in person with a virtual option by special arrangement".
DISCUSSION - SPECIAL ED	Superintendent Johnson reported that we had a special education review by the Gogebic Ontonagon Intermediate School District designed to ensure we are on track with special education. We are working on a corrective plan to address areas of need, and will have yearly monitoring to address needs. The corrective plan includes training on IEP development, ISD training for staff, data review, and an update to our current handbooks.
BOARD RETREAT	Superintendent Johnson is trying to schedule a Board Retreat for all members to include reviewing board processes and board roles. Several dates were given as options. Johnson will coordinate with everyone and schedule a date.
REPORTS	Ms. Johnson reported – -a Christmas Program will be held on December 15; the focus will be on the elementary but there will be roles and options for secondary student involvement. Thank you to Liz and Lindsey who are organizing this event. -Building Leadership Team: the team has been reviewing student data and we have now started to look at building goals and priorities. The team is working with the idea of having a fully written goal by spring with action steps for implementation for the 2023 school year aligning professional development and school resources to the priorities. -Engagement Team: the team has been working on community and student engagement events. Great successes in the Halloween Carnival, Bookfair, and Veterans Days events during the month of October and November. Upcoming events the team is working on for

December, January, and February are Christmas program, family movie night, and winter themed week with night time family event one evening.

-Budgets: Linda and I have started to review budgets and to begin the process of gathering information for next school year.

-Munetrix: the ISD is onboarding this program that deals with finances and instructional data. The district will be utilizing it for required finance/business open records information published on the website. We are working with the ISD to determine the role of the instructional piece for OASD.

-we are working with the GOISD on a common calendar for 2023-2024.

-schools within the ISD are working collaboratively to investigate a shared teacher option for foreign language courses vs. online coursework for next school year.

Mrs. Leach reported-

-Reading: Liz has started small group pull out reading instructions; the connections from classroom small group to Liz's intervention time are being seen. Teachers are utilizing M-Class guidance and this is helping support teachers in the classroom small group work. We were able to secure some books that arrived today to help with the beginning of a book room for elementary.

-Math: While reading has been our priority for the full RTI process, students in need of immediate math intervention have started to receive some pull out support.

-Progress monitoring of students not benchmarked will be occurring in early December to monitor progress.

-Veterans Day celebration was wonderful. Elementary students performed and created art projects.

Mr. Uotila reported -

- there have been 13 formal disciplinary referrals in the last month

-Halloween Carnival combined with the Book fair was well attended

-Parent-teacher conferences were held November 10

-FAFSA night was held for seniors

-End of the first semester was October 21 and report cards went out on the 28th

-High school basketball practices have begun.

## KUDOS

Thank you to the community for voting to pass the School Bus Bond proposal.

Kudos to all who put together the Veterans Day program and the Halloween Carnival.

Kudos to the Staff Engagement Team for bringing more activities back to the school.

Kudos to Wendy Collins-Gouin on her positive engagement with students.

Kudos to Lisa Johnson, Jon Uotila, and Liz Leach for their work on the Special Education review and corrective plan.

Congratulations to our two new board members; thank you for wanting to become a member.

## CLOSED SESSION /

Strasser made a motion, supported by Kolpack, to enter into closed session to discuss a student matter. All voting aye, motion carried.

Morgan made a motion, supported by Kempainen, to move back into open session at 7:21 pm. All voting aye, motion carried.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Kolpack made a motion, supported by Kempainen, Whereas, the administration has recommended that student number 10122, whose identity is known to the board, be subject to a disciplinary hearing for the alleged violation of Policy 5530; and Whereas, the administration notified the student's parents of the specific charges related to the alleged violation as well as the date, time, place of today's hearing; and Whereas, the hearing will provide the student and the student's representative an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present evidence for the board to consider; and Whereas, the board has carefully considered all of the evidence presented during the hearing. Now therefore, be it resolved that: A preponderance of evidence establishes (or does not establish) that the student committed a drug possession and distribution in violation of Policy 5530. AYE: Kolpack, Kempainen, Yaklyvich, Morgan, Pantti, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Pantti, Whereas, the board has decided that by a preponderance of the evidence that student number 10122, whose identity is known to the board, committed a drug possession and distribution offense in violation of Policy 5530; and Whereas, the board has carefully considered all of the pre-disciplinary factors as required by MCL 380.1310d(1). Now therefore be it resolved: the board has decided to suspend the student who is the subject of the hearing for 24 days for the reasons stated in the written charges delivered to the student and parent/guardians before this hearing. During the time of this suspension, the student shall not be on school grounds or attend any function at the district without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator. AYE: Strasser, Pantti, Yaklyvich, Kolpack, Morgan, Kempainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Kolpack made a motion, supported by Pantti to adjourn at 7:26 PM.

  
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Tanya Weisinger, President

  
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Tammy Strasser, Secretary