

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 PM, Monday, December 19, 2022
701 Parker Avenue, Ontonagon, MI 49953**

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| 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, December 19, 2022. Present- Tanya Weisinger, Tammy Strasser, Kelsey Kemppainen, Renee Pantti, Natalie Morgan. ABSENT: Julie Kolpack, Josh Yaklyvich. |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA | Kemppainen made a motion, supported by Morgan, to accept the agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried. |
| APPROVE MINUTES | Strasser made a motion, supported by Pantti, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 21, 2022. AYE: Strasser, Pantti, Kemppainen, Morgan, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kolpack, Yaklyvich. Motion carried. |
| FINANCIAL REPORTS | <p>Strasser made a motion, supported by Morgan, to acknowledge the November and December general fund invoices in the amount of \$63,198.30. AYE: Strasser, Morgan, Pantti, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kolpack, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.</p> <p>Pantti made a motion, supported by Kemppainen, to approve the December general fund invoices in the amount of \$87,090.83. AYE: Pantti, Kemppainen, Morgan, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kolpack, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.</p> <p>Kemppainen made a motion, supported by Pantti, to approve the December Sinking Fund invoices in the amount of \$17,480.99. AYE: Kemppainen, Pantti, Morgan, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kolpack, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.</p> |
| STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF A TRUSCOTT RESIGN | <p>Strasser made a motion, supported by Morgan, to accept the resignation from Amy Truscott for the 2.5 hour bus driver position, effective December 21, 2022. AYE: Strasser, Morgan, Pantti, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kolpack, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.</p> <p>Kolpack arrived at 5:36 PM.</p> |
| DISCUSSION ITEM / BUS DRIVERS | Superintendent Johnson discussed with the Board the need to continue to recruit bus drivers, while looking at the efficiency of our current bus routes. |
| SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE | Pantti made a motion, supported by Kolpack, to approve the purchase of a 71 passenger school bus in the amount of \$112,901 from Holland Bus Co. (\$100,000 will come from the 2022 School Bus Bonds and the remaining balance will come from the general fund.) AYE: Pantti, Kolpack, Kemppainen, Morgan, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried. |

OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST Kempppainen made a motion, supported by Kolpack, to approve the overnight trip requests from Glen Beck to take the Robotics Team to the following competitions:
 January 6, 2023, Houghton High School, Season kickoff, 5 students, 1 day (not overnight)
 March 2-4, 2023, Escanaba High School, District event, 5 students, 3 days
 March 23-24, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste Marie, District event, 5 students, 3 days
 TENTATIVE April 5-8, 2023, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI, Michigan State Championship event, 5 students, 4 days
 TENTATIVE april 18-24, FIRST Robotics World Competition, George R Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX, 5 students, 7 days.
 AYE: Kempppainen, Kolpack, Pantti, Morgan, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None.
 ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM / BOARD COMMITTEES Superintendent Johnson presented to the Board a new Board Committee Structure Proposal. The proposal would change the current six Board Committees to three Board Committees, which would include Administration, Operations & Policy, and Education. The Committees would each meet monthly, or as needed.

BOARD APPRECIATION Superintendent Johnson presented Certificates of Appreciation to Board Members Julie Kolpack and Renee Pantti, thanking them for their years of service.

REPORTS The Administration Committee met on November 28 and December 13, 2022, to discuss a matter related to Human Resources.

Ms. Johnson reported –

- working with Connie Cullip, ISD Specialist, and our Consultant, Theresa Anderson, on special education processes and training.
- working to support secondary students who are in danger of not graduating with individual contracts and learning plans to support students; we will finish this initial work in January with the beginning of the new semester.
- worked to develop a formal contract document for extra curricular/coaching positions.
- on 12/14 Secure Education Consultants Vice President of Operations Dan Savage came to do a safety walkthrough of our building through the School Safety grant; the company will be providing the district with a written report with recommendations in January.
- Linda and I have been working on some potential vendor changes that would provide yearly cost savings to the district while increasing or improving services received; we are currently exploring financial software and board policy legal vendors.
- Liz, Jon and I are starting to look at next year's student needs, including credit recovery/at risk student needs and MLSS systems to begin planning for the next school year.

Mr. Uotila reported -

- there have been only 6 formal disciplinary referrals in the last month.
- Ms. Carpenter headed up a food drive contest.
- first semester ends Wednesday; report cards will be out when school resumes.
- a group of students assisted TANGO with St. Nicholas Project.
- many students have been volunteering their time to help at home games.
- some secondary students and a staff member shared their talents with Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Kalla with the Christmas Program.

Ms. Leach reported -

- Additional Instructional Time grant award for K-3 Literacy of \$4,900.
- small group teaching and learning/interventions continue with ongoing progress monitoring.
- Christmas Program was a success; students were very proud of their hard work; good for the community; Thank You to Lindsey Kalla.


-Joyful Smiles: Photobooth for students and staff to giggle and share joy during a time that may be stressful not only for some adults, but students as well. Will be on TV6 news tonight.

KUDOS

Kudos to Liz Grenke and Lisa Johnson for responding to parent concerns.
Kudos to all staff for their hard work digging into issues, working together, and communicating.
Kudos to students for working hard to pass their classes.
Kudos to all who are providing student events.
Kudos to Ken Raisanen for assistance with the Christmas Concert.
Kudos to Julie Kolpack and Renee Pantti for their service on the Board.

ADJOURN

Kolpack made a motion, supported by Pantti, to adjourn at 6:17 PM.


Tanya Weisinger, President

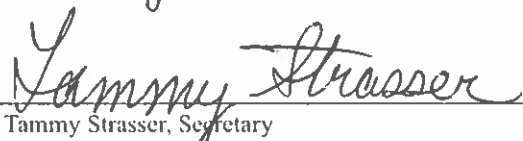

Tammy Strasser, Secretary

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 PM, Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Ontonagon Area School Library**

- CALL TO ORDER** A special 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 Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Present - Tanya Weisinger, Tammy Strasser, Kelsey Kemppainen, Josh Yaklyvich, Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Staci Bengogullari. ABSENT: None..
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- OATH OF OFFICE** Tanya Weisinger administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board members Tammy Strasser and Josh Yaklyvich and newly elected Board members Nancy Mattson and Staci Bengogullari.
- ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA** Kemppainen made a motion, supported by Morgan, to accept the agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Strasser offered the following slate of officers: President - Weisinger, Vice President - Mattson, Secretary - Strasser, Treasurer - Kemppainen. Morgan made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to accept the slate of officers. AYE: Morgan, Yaklyvich, Bengogullari, Strasser, Mattson, Kemppainen, Weisinger. NAY: None. Motion carried.
- PRESENTATION / BOARD ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES** Alan Tulppo, Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District Superintendent, shared a presentation regarding Board Member Roles and Responsibilities.
- BUDGET PROCESS OVERVIEW** Superintendent Johnson shared a presentation regarding the budget process overview.
- ADJOURN** Mattson made a motion, supported by Kemppainen, to adjourn at 7:52 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.



Tanya Weisinger, President



Tammy Strasser, Secretary