

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
5:30 PM, Tuesday, January 31, 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 Vice President Nancy Mattson, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Present - Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Josh Yaklyvich, Staci Bengogullari. ABSENT: Tanya Weisinger, Natalie Morgan. (Kelsey Kemppainen resigned)

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA** Strasser made a motion, supported by Bengogullari, to accept the agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION / STUDENT MATTER** Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Strasser, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing a student matter. AYE: Yaklyvich, Strasser, Bengogullari, Mattson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weisinger, Morgan. Motion carried.

Weisinger arrived at 5:35 PM.

**OPEN SESSION** Strasser made a motion, supported by Bengogullari, to return to open session at 6:12 PM.

**ACCEPT EVIDENCE** Strasser made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, 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 5530; and Whereas, the administration notified the student's parents of the specific charges related the alleged violation as well as the date, time, place of today's hearing; and Whereas, the hearing 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 was carefully considered all of the evidence presented during the hearing. Now therefore, be it resolved that: A preponderance of the evidence establishes (or does not establish) that the student committed a drug possession in violation of policy 5530. AYE: Strasser, Yaklyvich, Bengogullari, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE** Strasser made a motion, supported by Bengogullari, 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 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 that: The board has decided to suspend the student who is the subject of the hearing for up to 180 days and move to alternative online learning program for the reasons stated in the written charges delivered to the student and parent/guardians before this hearing. Reinstatement prior to the 180 days will be considered in collaboration with mental health providers by the school board. 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, Bengogullari, Yaklyvich, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan. Motion carried.

*Tanya Weisinger*

Tanya Weisinger, President

*Tammy Strasser*

Tammy Strasser, Secretary