

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 PM, Monday, March 20, 2023
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 Tanya Weisinger, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan, on Monday, March 20, 2023. Present-Tanya Weisinger. Tammy Strasser, Natalie Morgan. Josh Yaklyvich, Nancy Mattson, Bill Wood. ABSENT: Staci Bengogullari.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
OATH OF OFFICE	Tanya Weisinger administered the Oath of Office to appointed Board member Bill Wood.
ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Mattson made a motion, supported by Morgan to accept the agenda as amended. All voting aye, motion carried.
APPROVE MINUTES	Strasser made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 20, 2023. AYE: Strasser, Yaklyvich, Wood, Morgan, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.
FINANCIAL REPORTS	<p>Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge the February and March general fund invoices in the amount of \$39,049.73. AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Wood, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mattson made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the March general fund invoices in the amount of \$105,563.94. AYE: Mattson, Yaklyvich, Wood, Morgan, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.</p> <p>Morgan made a motion, supported by Yaklyvich, to approve the March Capital Project/Sinking Fund invoices in the amount of \$3,000.00. AYE: Morgan, Yaklyvich, Wood, Strasser, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	Per written request, Carl Lockhart and Becky Bramlett each addressed the Board.
BIDS / SINKING FUND	<p>Morgan made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the bid from Automated Comfort Controls in the amount of \$21,314 to remove and replace the pneumatic controls on two gym air handler units. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.</p> <p>Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the bid from RC Mechanical in the amount of \$11,145 to remove and install a new steam coil in the air handler. AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Wood, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.</p>
SET SUB STAFF PAY RATE	Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to set the substitute support staff pay rate at \$10.10 per hour, effective January 1, 2023, due to the increase in minimum wage. AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Wood, Morgan, Yaklyvich, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION/ JUUL LAWSUIT Strasser made a motion, supported by Morgan, to accept the JUUL resolution, as provided by legal counsel, to accept the settlement amount of \$8,325. AYE: Strasser, Morgan, Wood, Yaklyvich, Mattson, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT / TOWNSHIP CABIN PROJECT Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to table this item. All voting aye, motion carried.

POWERUP LITERACY PILOT Principal Leach gave a presentation to the Board regarding a Powerup Literacy pilot program through the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District for use with small intensive groups of students (8th grade).

REPORTS

Ms Johnson reported –

- met with students who wrote letters
- SRO (School Resource Officer) grant will need to be given back to the State; Sheriff's Department does not have anyone who can provide the time
- working on a budget for next year
- during our special education review it was noted that we have some IEP deficiencies; special education staff have worked hard to correct the deficiencies.
- we had a bus accident on March 13; driver did a fantastic job managing students
- we are short staffed on bus drivers; will notify parents of any route changes.

Ms. Leach reported -

- Kindergarten round up was held on March 9.
- March is Reading Month with activities including a Circus Celebration.
- we are in the process of progress monitoring students.

Mr. Uotila reported -

- there have been 6 formal disciplinary referrals in the last month.
- STAR/Renaissance Testing for secondary students.
- S4SD (Safe Driving grant) students took part in a driving simulator thanks to MSP Trooper Geno Basanese and Officer Witt.
- winners of the S4SD poster/button contest to be announced soon.
- Mr Lutz took welding students to competition and Adam Immonen won 2nd place in FCAW flux core process and certified 3G (1st year student); Dylan Westie won 3rd place in FCAW flux core process and certified in 3G (2nd year student); Emmett Kolpack certified in SMAW stick process (2nd year student).
- 10th graders will participate in a CTE recruiting event on March 21.
- track practices have begun; awareness for hall walkers.
- 11th graders will attend the Campus Career Fair at GCC on March 23.
- Kaylee Oger, Emmy Bobula, and Lilly McIntyre developed & presented to the GOISD Board focused on empathy on March 15.
- report cards went out to students today due to the snow day on Friday.
- possible CTE Summer Camp availability for 6-8 grades
- Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break; be safe and recharge.

KUDOS / THANK YOUS

Kudos to the special education staff on their IEP work.
Kudos to Mr. Lutz on the CTE Welding program success.
Thank you to George Truscott for driving extra bus runs.
Thank you to Jodi Store for her creativity on special events including Reading Month.
Kudos to all staff for making March Reading Month fun for students.
Kudos to MI Association of School Boards for providing training such as School Finance.

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CLOSED SESSION /

ATTORNEY COMMUNICATION

Morgan made a motion, supported by Mattson, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing attorney communications. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Mattson made a motion, supported by Morgan, to enter back into open session at 7:00 PM. AYE: Mattson, Morgan, Wood, Yaklyvich, Strasser, Weisinger. NAY: None. ABSENT: Bengogullari. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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



Tanya Weisinger, President



Tammy Strasser, Secretary