

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, July 15, 2024  
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 5:31 PM by Vice-President, Nancy Mattson, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, July 15, 2024. Present – Nancy Mattson, Bill Wood, Carl Lockhart, and Pat Tucker. Absent: Natalie Morgan, Tanya Weisinger, Josh Yaklyvich

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**      Wood made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Lockhart. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**      Tucker made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2024 public hearing meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Wood made a motion, supported by Tucker, to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2024 regular meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the minutes from the June 24, 2024 special meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**      Tucker made a motion, supported by Wood, to acknowledge the June/July General Fund invoices in the amount of \$94,351.19. AYE: Lockhart, Wood, Mattson, Tucker. NAY: None. Absent: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Tucker, to acknowledge the July General Fund invoices in the amount of \$19,838.79. AYE: Lockhart, Wood, Mattson, Tucker. NAY: None. Absent: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Tucker made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the July Sinking Fund Payments in the amount of \$2,072.04. AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**      None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommend the Board hire Josh Drew for the Physical Education Teacher position. Josh has a masters degree in Exercise Sciences and will have 3 years to obtain his license.

Tucker made a motion, supported by Wood, to approve the hire of Josh Drew for the Physical Education position.

AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend the Board approve the job description and the hiring of a Student Learning Advocate/Teacher Position. (Exhibit A)

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Tucker, to approve the the job description and hiring of the Student Learning Advocate/Teacher position.

AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommended that the Board accept the resignation from Lori Wardynski, Girls Varsity Basketball coach effective July 7, 2024 (Exhibit B) This open position will be posted.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the resignation of Lori Wardynski with regret.

AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Tucker, Mattson. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

2024-2025 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK / FIRST READING

Recommended that the Board acknowledge a first reading of the 2024-2025 Elementary School Student Handbook with the proposed changes. (See Exhibit C)

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Tucker, to accept the first reading of the Elementary Student Handbook.

Changes were made to update the Handbook as needed.

AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Mattson. NAY: Tucker

ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

#### 2024-2025 JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK / FIRST READING

Recommended that the Board acknowledge a first reading of the 2024-2025 Junior-Senior High School Student Handbook with the proposed changes. (See Exhibit D)  
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the first reading of the Junior-Senior High School Handbook.  
Changes were made to update the Handbook as needed.  
AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Mattson. NAY: Tucker  
ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

#### 2024-2025 ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOK / FIRST READING

Recommended that the Board acknowledge a first reading of the 2024-2025 Athletic/CoCurricular Student Handbook with the proposed changes. (See Exhibit E)  
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the first reading of the Athletic/Co-curricular Handbook.  
Changes were made to update the Handbook as needed and was separated from the school hanbooks with a review by the Athletic Director.  
AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Mattson. NAY: Tucker  
ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

#### 2024-2025 CURRICULUM GUIDEBOOK / FIRST READING

Recommended that the Board acknowledge a first reading of the 2024-2025 Curriculum Guidebook with the proposed changes. (See Exhibit F)  
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Wood, to accept the first reading of the Curriculum Guidebook.  
Changes were made to update the Guidebook as needed.  
AYE: Wood, Lockhart, Mattson. NAY: Tucker  
ABSENT: Morgan, Weisinger, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

#### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT ON STUDENT DATA

Superintendent Johnson gave an overview/update of the student data for math and literacy benchmark assessments for elementary and secondary students.

#### REPORTS

Superintendent Johnson reported:  
-Update on the facilities projects; locker rooms are coming along nicely, but may have unexpected additional costs.  
-Shared a memo with the board regarding the State Budget.  
-Union negotiations with the Teachers meeting will be held this week; Support staff will be held soon.

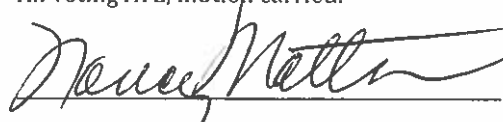
KUDOS/THANK YOU

Assistant Principal Uotila was absent-no report.

Kudos to the elementary staff for growth in math & literacy.

ADJOURN

Wood made a motion, supported by Tucker to adjourn at 7:20 PM.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.



Nancy Mattson, Acting President



Carl Lockhart, Acting Secretary