

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2024
701 Parker Avenue, Ontonagon, MI 49953
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, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Present – Natalie Morgan, Carl Lockhart, Nancy Mattson, Pat Tucker and Tanya Weisinger. Absent: Josh Yaklyvich and Bill Wood.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Weisinger made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Mattson. All voting AYE, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLOSED SESSION/STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING: Lockhart made a motion to go into closed session at 5:33 PM, supported by Weisinger.
AYE: Lockhart, Weisinger, Tucker, Mattson, Morgan.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Yaklyvich, Wood

Mattson made a motion to go into open session at 6:43 PM, supported by Tucker.
AYE: Mattson, Tucker, Lockhart, Weisinger, Morgan
NAY: None
ABSENT: Yaklyvich, Wood

POTENTIAL ACTION Whereas, the administration has recommended that student number 10677 whose identity is known to the Board be subject to a disciplinary hearing for the alleged violation of verbal threat through technology; and whereas the administration notified the students parents of the specific charges related the alleged violation as well as the date, time, place of today’s hearing; and Whereas the hearing provided 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: a preponderance of the evidence establishes that the student committed a verbal threat through technology in violation of the district’s policies.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING: Mattson made a motion to approve the Resolution as amended, supported by Lockart.
AYE: Mattson, Lockhart, Tucker, Weisinger, Morgan
NAY: None
ABSENT: Yaklyvich, Wood

Whereas the board has decided that by a preponderance of the evidence that student number 10677 whose identity is known to the board committed a verbal threat through technology in violation of the districts policies 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 disallow the student who is the subject of the hearing from attending any school functions until the end of the semester for the reason(s) stated in the written charges delivered to the student and parents/guardians before this hearing. This student will be moving to voluntary online learning through the end of the 2024-2025 school year unless a meeting is held to discuss a return to school, which will include a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA). The student will engage with social work services offered through the school district.

Tucker made a motion to approve the Resolution as amended, supported by Lockhart.

AYE: Tucker, Lockhart, Mattson, Weisinger, Morgan


NAY: None

ABSENT: Yaklyvich, Wood

ADJOURN:

Mattson made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM, supported by Weisinger.

All voting AYE, motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natalie Morgan", written over a horizontal line.

Natalie Morgan, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tanya Weisinger", written over a horizontal line.

Tanya Weisinger, Acting Secretary