

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, December 16, 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 5:30 PM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, ~~November 18~~^{Dec. 16}, 2024. Present – Natalie Morgan, Josh Yaklyvich, Bill Wood, Nancy Mattson, Tanya Weisinger, Pat Tucker, Carl Lockhart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Tucker made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Wood to accept the agenda as amended. All voting AYE, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2024 regular meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Wood made a motion, supported by Tucker, to acknowledge the November/December General Fund invoices in the amount of \$8,698.71.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart.
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

 Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the December General Fund invoices in the amount of \$35,861.75.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart.
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CORRECTIONS / OCTOBER BOARD MINUTES

Recommend the Board review and approve two typos that were missed on the October Board Minutes as accepted on November 18, 2024. (EXHIBIT A)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the corrections.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker NAY: None.
ABSTAIN: Lockhart. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommend that the board accept the resignation of Ethan Mapes as middle school boys basketball coach. (EXHIBIT B)

Tucker made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the resignation.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart.
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Recommend that the board temporarily hire Kadin Mustafa as the middle school boys basketball coach for the 2024 - 25 school year only.

Tucker made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the hire.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

CTE BUILDING

Recommend that the board of education accept the resolution for the purchase of the CTE building by the ISD. (EXHIBIT C)

Ashley Nevins of the ISD was present to give an update about the ISD history and future.

The ISD was placed in charge of a \$30 million dollar grant by the State of Michigan to oversee the expenditures.

The ISD Board reviewed potential areas to use the funds with a specific focus on CTE. Due to making a substantial investment in the CTE building, they would like to have ownership of the building.

Engineering is in progress, the budget will be based upon the work that needs to be done and phased over years to avoid classroom disruption. Would like to add Building Trades back into the curriculum as early as fall of 2025.

There may need to be some additional changes to the purchase agreement. In the event that there would be no CTE classes, the building would revert back to OASD.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Weisinger, to approve the resolution.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Assistant Principal Uotila:

- 10 referrals - 14 attendance issues are being addressed. No real improvement with attendance at this time.
- National Honor Society induction of 5 students will be held 12/17/24.
- Christmas program will be held 12/19/24 at 2pm.
- Winter homecoming will be held the week of January 13, 2025.
- Sophomore student meetings are in progress regarding Junior class programs, etc.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

- Facilities Updates: Gym floor will be redone over break.
- Teaching & Learning: Mid Year assessments in progress, math instruction and intervention training continues.
- Elementary -Social & Emotional: Bi-weekly meetings occurring with teams, social worker is close to capacity and small work groups are being held.
- Legislative updates: Many bills in the works with lame duck session. Watching closely over the next bit of time. Some items include: Insurance Hard Cap bill moving forward that will adjust the hard cap going forward, FAFSA application bill requirement for graduation. Mandatory Kindergarten bill. HB5649 requires public high schools to offer a computer science course without adding a graduation requirement. Other updates include school security, pension changes, firearm safety, first aid health education requirement, disclosure and transparency modifications, organ tissue donation required curriculum, etc.
- Updated budget will be provided at that January meeting.

KUDOS/THANK YOU

- Kudos and thank you to the board members who will be done with their terms as of December 31, 2024. Plaques of appreciation were given to Pat Tucker, Tanya Weisinger and Bill Wood. Cake will follow the meeting. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!
- Thank you to the teachers and staff during the "holiday" season and performing the benchmark assessments.
- Thank you to the staff for coverage during shortages of substitutes.
- Thank you to the bus drivers who communicate and help each other out during the winter weather season.

CLOSED SESSION / SUPERINTENDENT MID YEAR EVALUATION

(May return to open session for action on item) (EXHIBIT F)

Mattson made a motion to enter into closed session, supported by Weisinger at 6:43 p.m. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Wood made a motion to return to open session, supported by Mattson at 7:10 p.m.

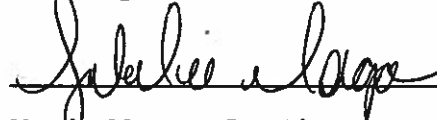
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker, Lockhart
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion to accept the Mid Year Evaluation, supported by Lockhart.

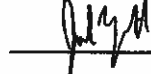
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Wood, Lockhart
ABSTAIN: Yaklyvich, Weisinger, Tucker (Evaluation Training Required)
Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Tucker made a motion, supported by Mattson, to adjourn at 7:12 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President



Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary