

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, June 23, 2025  
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 5:38 PM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, June 23, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski, Heather Beck, Josh Yaklyvich. Absent - Carl Lockhart.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**        Beck made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Strasser, with the following corrections:

- P. Staffing/Support Staff
- R. 2024-2025 Final Budgets
- S. 2025-2026 Proposed General Fund Budget
- T. 2025-2026 School of Choice Resolution
- U. 2025-2026 MHSAA Dead Period
- V. 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Resolution

All voting AYE, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**        Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the minutes from the May 19, 2025 regular meeting. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**        Mattson made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to acknowledge the May/June General Fund invoices in the amount of \$25,101.40.  
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the June General Fund invoices in the amount of \$47,675.21.  
AYE: Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**        None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**        None.

#### SET REGULAR MEETING TIME, DATE, PLACE

The Board should establish the regular meeting time, date and place. Regular meetings have been set for the third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM and we recommend keeping them the same. (Exhibit A). Yaklyvich made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the meeting schedule.

AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Morgan. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL PUBLISHERS

The Board should designate the Ontonagon Herald and/or the Ironwood Daily Globe and the Daily Mining Gazette as official publishers. Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the official publishers.

AYE: Mattson, Strasser, ~~Lockhart~~<sup>psk</sup>, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

The Board should designate Citizens State Bank, Miners State Bank, and MILAF (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus) as depositories for school funds. Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve depositories.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF PERSON FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Board should designate the Secretary of the Board and/or members of the Central Office Staff for posting public notices of meetings.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the postings.

AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### DESIGNATION OF ELECTION DUTIES

The Secretary of the Board of Education should exercise his/her right to delegate election duties to a member of the District's Central Office Staff. If duties are delegated, it must be recorded in the Board's minutes. Mattson made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the election duties.

AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## **SCHOOL ATTORNEY**

The Board should retain the Lansing law firm of Thrun Law Firm.  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to retain Thrun Law Firm.  
AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

The Board should adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official meeting rules.  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to adopt the meeting rules.  
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## **RE-ADOPTION OF CURRENT POLICY BOOK**

The Board should re-adopt the current Board policy book.  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to adopt the current policy book.  
AYE: Strasser, Zyhowski, Mattson, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## **OFFICIAL LIAISON TO MASB**

The Board President should be designated as the official liaison to the Michigan Association of School Boards. The liaison receives special mailings from the Association.  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the MASB.  
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## **MASB, ISD MEETINGS**

The Board should approve attendance for its members at meetings sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards or the Intermediate School District for Board members.  
Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the attendance.  
AYE: Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Mattson, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## BANK ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

The Board should approve Lisa Johnson, Peggy Kukanich and Nancy Walker as authorized signatures on the following bank accounts: General Fund, Student Service Fund, Payroll Account, Capital Projects Fund, Student Activity Fund, Debt Retirement Funds, Retirement Fund, and Scholarship/Memorial Funds. Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the authorized signatures. AYE: Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## STAFFING/APPROVE 2025-2026 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

In general, administrative contracts include a 2% increase with an additional 2% merit increase available if individual goals are met.

Recommended that the Board approve a one-year contract with Peggy Kukanich to be the Business Specialist for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit L1)  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a one-year contract for Bob Clark to be the Building and Grounds Supervisor for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit L2)  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for George Truscott to be the Transportation Supervisor for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit L3)  
Beck made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Beck, Zyhowski, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Jon Uotila for the ½ Assistant Principal position for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit L4)  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## STAFFING/APPROVE 2025-2026 BUSINESS ASSISTANT CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Nancy Walker for the Business Assistant position for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit M)  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING/APPROVE 2025-2026 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Josh Drew for the Athletic Director position for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit N)  
Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Beck, Mattson, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING/APPROVE 2025-2026 ACCOUNTANT CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve an hourly contract for Linda Karttunen for the Accountant Contract position, for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit O)  
Mattson a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the one year contract.  
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING/SUPPORT STAFF

Recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Lexie Razmus, Food Service Supervisor, effective May 26, 2025. (EXHIBIT P1)  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the resignation, thanking her for her service.  
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Jodi Store, K-12 Secretary, effective June 30, 2025. (EXHIBIT P2)  
Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the resignation.  
Jodi will be missed.  
AYE: Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve Melody Williams as 7 hour paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year pending pre-employment paperwork.  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the hire.  
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve Bryant Boulton as 6 hour Title 1 Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year pending pre-employment paperwork.  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the hire.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Mattson, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve Greg Nelson as Bus Driver 5 hours (White Pine route) and paraprofessional (3 hours) for the 2025-26 school year pending pre-employment paperwork.

Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the hire.

AYE: Beck, Mattson, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING/SUMMER SCHOOL

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Michelle LaBine, Summer School Teacher, at a rate of \$25/hour.

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Beck, to approve the hire.

AYE: Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the hires of Scott DeHut and Amy Truscott as ParaProfessionals at an hourly rate of \$17.58 for the Summer School Program dependent on enrollment.

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the hire.

AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

#### 2024-2025 FINAL BUDGET

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2024-2025 general fund budget, as presented. (Exhibit R1)

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the budget. AYE:

Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2024-2025 food service budget as presented. (Exhibit R2)

Strasser made a Motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the budget. AYE:

Strasser, Zyhowski, Mattson, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2024-2025 debt retirement budget, as presented. (Exhibit R3)

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Beck, to approve the budget.

AYE: Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## 2025-2026 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Recommended that the Board adopt the proposed 2025-2026 general fund budget, as presented at the public hearing.

Strasser made a Motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the budget. AYE: Strasser, Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL OF CHOICE RESOLUTION

Recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to be a School of Choice district for the 2025-2026 school year. (Exhibit T)

Strasser made a Motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the resolution.

AYE: Strasser, Zyhowski, Mattson, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## 2025-2026 MHSAA DEAD PERIOD

Recommended that the Board acknowledge the Michigan High School Athletic Association "dead period" for our District as June 30 - July 6, 2025.

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Beck, to approve the dead period.

AYE: Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## 2025-2026 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Recommended that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution. (Exhibit V)

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Beck, to approve the resolution. AYE:

Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## APPROVE 2025 L-4029 TAX RATE REQUEST

The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the 2025 L-4029 Tax Rate Request setting the operational millage for non-homestead properties at 18.0000 mills, the debt retirement millage on all properties at .54000 mills and the sinking fund millage at 1.2750 mills. (Exhibit W1 and W2 attached)

Mattson made a Motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the tax rate. AYE:

Mattson, Strasser, Zyhowski, Beck, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## OVERNIGHT TRIP

Recommend that the Board approve the overnight basketball camp trip to Carney during the time period of July 7 - 9, 2025.

Beck made a Motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the trip.

AYE: Beck, Mattson, Zyhowski, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Morgan. NAY: None.

ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEES:

The Operations Committee met on June 12, 2025.

-Discussed budgets and contracts.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

- Total referrals for the school year were 161.
- Girls Golf team won the UP championship.
- Girls 4x100 relay team broke the school record at track finals.
- Students were recognized at the awards ceremony.
- Elementary field day for grades 2-5 was a success.
- The graduation ceremony went smoothly, with 28 graduates.
- Operation Graduation had great participation.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

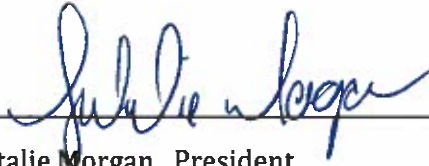
- Facilities - Work has started on locker rooms.
- Summer cleaning is well underway.
- Education - 15 students are enrolled in Summer School.
- Summer Projects - Jon is working on updating student handbooks and working on a staff handbook.
- Tax Update: County Board has not responded to our communications. Will attend the next County Board meeting.

## KUDOS/THANK YOUS

- Kudos to the Community for their support of the German trip fundraiser.
- Kudos to Lisa and Peggy for all their work on the budget.
- Kudos to Jodi for all her years of service.
- Kudos to the girls Golf Team.
- Kudos to the girls 4 x 100 Team.
- Kudos to the custodial team for the work they do over the summer.

ADJOURN

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to adjourn at 6:26 PM.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

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

Natalie Morgan, President

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Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

