

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, May 19, 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 5:30 PM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, May 19, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski, Heather Beck, Josh Yaklyvich

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**        Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2025 regular meeting.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

   Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart to accept the minutes from the May 1, 2025 special meeting.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**        Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck to acknowledge the April/May General Fund invoices in the amount of \$13,712.44.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

   Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the May General Fund invoices in the amount of \$55,905.09.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski. NAY: None.  
ABSTAIN: Yaklyvich ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

   Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the May Sinking Fund invoice in the amount of \$943.11.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**        None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**        None.

## TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

Recommend that the Board approve the purchase of 35 staff computers or laptops at a cost of \$22,240.38. (EXHIBIT A)  
Devices are at the end of life due to discontinued Windows updates this fall.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Recommend that the Board approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar (EXHIBIT B). Schedule has been approved by the Teacher Union.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## FOOD SERVICE / MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Recommend that the Board approve the following Food Service Maintenance Projects:

John's Refrigeration: Replace Walk-in Freezer Evaporator \$7,329.87  
(EXHIBIT C1)

Superior Polymer: Install Epoxy Flooring System to Kitchen \$1,496.00  
(EXHIBIT C2)

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## SUPPORT STAFF /EMPLOYMENT

Recommend that the Board approve the hiring of Tami Domitovich for the summer custodial position.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board accept the resignation of Kadin Mustafa from his para position effective June 6, 2025. (EXHIBIT D)  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the resignation.

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

#### BID / 31AA MENTAL HEALTH/SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT

Recommend that the Board approve the quote for Cafeteria door purchases of \$23,350.58 from LaForce out of 31aa Grant Funds. (EXHIBIT E) These are the second set of replacement doors.  
Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the purchase.

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

#### CURRICULUM / RESOURCES

Recommend that the Board approve the purchase of grades 7-12 English Language Arts resources with Professional Development as presented. (EXHIBIT F)  
This is a 6 year purchase that includes hardcover books.  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the purchase.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

#### STAFFING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recommend that the Board approve August 22, 2025 for local training for some staff members versus attending the ISD training. (EXHIBIT G)  
Beck made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the training.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

#### OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST

Recommend that the Board approve the overnight trip for the UP Track Finals to Kingsford on May 30, 2025. (Schedule subject to change if inclement weather is a factor)  
Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the trip.  
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## SET 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET HEARING

The Superintendent recommends that the Board set the public hearing date for the 2025-2026 proposed general fund budget.

Due to schedule conflicts, the General Fund Budget Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025 and the regular Board Meeting will be rescheduled to June 23, 2025 from June 16, 2025 and will immediately follow the public hearing.

Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the public hearing date and rescheduled June board meeting date.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.

NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEES:

The Education/Athletics Committee met on May 12, 2025.

- Discussed secondary English, Early Childhood, Course Offerings for 2025-2026, professional development for 2025-2026, social emotional curriculum update and the curriculum budget.

The Operations Committee met on May 13, 2025.

- Discussed the tax issue, food service maintenance projects, 2025-2026 budget work, salary schedule for non-union positions, CTE building and administration updates.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

- Discipline issues are light with a couple issues; students are getting antsy this time of year.
- Seniors are done this week, awards ceremony on Wednesday and Graduation Friday night.
- Athletics are wrapping up for the season.
- Testing completed, secondary numbers looked decent.
- Elementary track and field day will be held on June 4, 2025.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

- CTE building sale is set to close on May 22, 2025.

- Locker room project will start on June 9, 2025.

Instructional: State testing has finished. Wrapping up year end benchmark testing. Working on 2026 and wrapping up 2025 years scheduling, class sign ups and the schedule for next year is being finalized. Summer school student enrollment in progress.

- Staff evaluations and observations continue.

- Union negotiations will start May 28, 2025 with the Teachers Contract.

- Upcoming events: Awards ceremony held on Wednesday and Graduation on Friday this week, both start at 7p.m.

-Tax Update: Met with legal team and Michigan Department of Education regarding county tax calculations that were incorrect during the 2023-2024 years resulting in an overpayment that the District will owe back to the State. Working with the County and other Districts for resolution.

#### KUDOS/THANK YOUS

- Kudos to the Prom Crew, Anna & Betsy for the hard work.
- Kudos to the faculty and staff for another year-almost done!
- Kudos to the Kitchen staff as they have been working short staffed for over a month now.
- Kudos to the Art students and Shellie Gardner for a great job at the Theater Presentation.
- Thanks to the Volunteers at the Track Meets, received positive feedback.

#### CLOSED SESSION - SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION (May return to open session for action on item)

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Mattson, to enter into closed session for the Superintendent evaluation at 6:39 p.m. All voting AYE, motion carried. Actual start time was 6:42 p.m.  
Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to return to open session at 7:32 p.m. All voting AYE, motion carried.

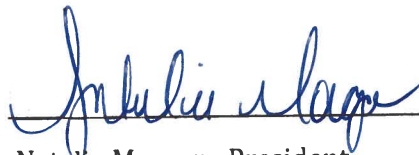
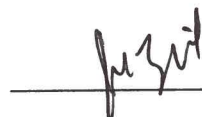
Superintendent Johnson has an Effective Rating.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the rating/evaluation.

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

#### ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to adjourn at 7:34 PM. All voting AYE, motion carried.

  
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Natalie Morgan, President  
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Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

