

**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~~^{psk}, 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 YOU'S

-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.

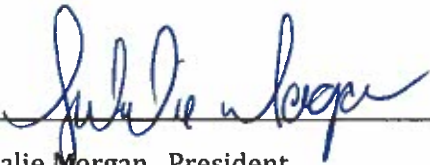
-Kudos to the girls Golf Team.

-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.



Natalie Morgan, President

Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

