

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, October 20, 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, October 20, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart, Tammy Strasser, Heather Beck, Robert Zyhowski. ABSENT: Josh Yaklyvich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Beck was appointed Acting Secretary due to Yaklyvich absence.

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

APPROVE MINUTES Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the minutes from the September 15, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge the September/October General Fund invoices in the amount of \$18,326.32. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich Motion carried.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the October General Fund invoices in the amount of \$78,917.70. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

SMALL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

Recommend the Board approve the superintendents attendance at the Small Schools Conference on November 24 and 25, 2025 at Bay City, MI. Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve attendance at the conference. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich Motion carried

ACADEMIC CREDIT IN CTE

Local school districts need to seek Board approval to grant 1 credit of VPAA (Visual, Performing and Applied Arts) to students that successfully complete a State Approved CTE Program. (EXHIBIT B)

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

Recommend that the Board of education approve superintendent goals. (EXHIBIT C)

Superintendent Johnson gave information regarding goals to the Board during a brief discussion.

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich Motion carried

STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF POSITION

Recommend that the Board of Education approve an additional At Risk Para Position for 7.5 hours per day.

State Aid has increased At Risk funding.

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich Motion carried

REPORTS

Education/Athletic Committee met on October 13, 2025.

-Discussed Number Corners/Math, ISD Update, Superintendent goals, athletic field lighting and gym floor.

Operations Committee met on October 20, 2025.

-Discussed the budget update and bus garage, athletic field lighting, gym floor and radio tower.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

- 31 referrals since the September meeting, 2 are positive.
- Football & volleyball season ending; homecoming went well and the kids did a good job.
- Quarter ends on October 31, 2025.
- Halloween carnival will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025.
- Trio on site October 14 meeting/recruiting middle school and high school students.
- Principal Uotila has been in attendance training.
- Several students are participating in the VFW essay contest.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

- Data Update for K-12 students for 2025 end of year and 2026 beginning of year comparisons. Included reading, literacy and math.
- Operations: Continued ongoing work with facility requests.
- Board Retreat was scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:30 pm.
- Government shut down impacts will close Head Start effective October 31, 2015. Potential food service issues.
- Budget update.

KUDOS/THANK YOU'S

Kudos to the football team with their first win over Crystal Falls in 36 years.

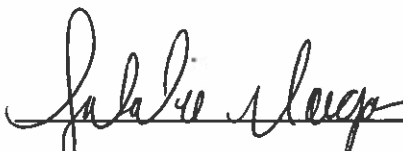
Kudos to Pat Tucker for running another season of middle school football.

Kudos to the teachers for their flexibility with the new curriculum.

Kudos to the administration staff for "keeping the lights on".

ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Mattson, to adjourn at 6:43 PM.
All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President

Heather Beck, Acting Secretary