

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, September 15, 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 Vice President, Carl Lockhart, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, September 15, 2025. Present – Josh Yaklyvich, Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart, Tammy Strasser, Heather Beck, Robert Zyhowski. ABSENT: Natalie Morgan

**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**        Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the  
minutes from the August 18, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**        Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to acknowledge the  
August/September General Fund invoices in the amount of \$16,638.51.  
AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan    Motion carried.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge the  
September General Fund invoices in the amount of \$49,694.65.  
AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan    Motion carried.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the  
September Sinking Fund Payments in the amount of \$66,829.09.  
AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski.  
NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan    Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**        None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**        None.

## **STAFFING / FACULTY**

Recommend that the board approve the hire of Madelyn Strong as Secondary Math Teacher as of September 11, 2025, with the agreed upon days off for transition, starting full time on October 31, 2025. Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the hire. AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan Motion carried.

## **STAFFING/EXTRACURRICULAR**

Recommend the hiring of Dawson Pollard as the Middle School Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 season. Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski. to approve the hire. AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan Motion carried.

## **SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT 2025-2026 SEASON**

Recommend that the board accept the option to renew the 2025-2026 snow removal contract with Seidline Contracting in the amount of \$15,000. This is the same rate as last year, the contract allows for the option to renew. Beck made a motion, supported by Zyhowski. to approve the renewal. AYE: Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhhowski. ABSTAIN: Yaklyvich NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan Motion carried.

## **GREAT START COLLABORATIVE RENTAL AGREEMENT 2025-2026**

Recommendation the Board accept the Great Start Collaborative Rental Agreement in the amount of \$125.00/month for the months of July through October 2025. (EXHIBIT D) Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson. to approve the agreement. AYE: Yaklyvich, Mattson, Lockhart, Strasser, Beck, Zyhhowski. NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan Motion carried.

## ISD PARTNER AGREEMENTS

Recommend that the Board approve the ISD partnership agreements for Special Education, 31N, and Early Literacy Coaching for the 25-26 school year. (EXHIBIT E1, E2, E3)

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Morgan, Zhyhowski Motion carried.

## BUS GARAGE

Discussion related to the bus garage agreement with potential action. (EXHIBIT F)

The bus garage water line needs to be repaired at a cost of approximately \$19,000 to be paid by the District. Lease/Rent would continue for a period of 5 years with the Village of Ontonagon. Will develop committees to review long term options and scenarios. Topic will be tabled pending committee action.

## REPORTS

Education/Athletic Committee met on September 8, 2025.

- Discussed Math plan, ISD contracts, project work.

Operations Committee met on September 9, 2025.

- Discussed the budgets (no movement on state level), sinking fund projects/renewals and snow removal for the 2025-26 school year.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

- 18 referrals to date this year, one was positive.

- Star reading and math assessments are almost finished.

- Students are completing Xello requirements.

- Homecoming scheduled for the week of September 29, 2025.

- New English curriculum-no soft rollout, jumped right in. Going good.

- Classroom storage of cellphones is working ok.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

- School is off to a great start this year.

- Facilities: CTE utility work is scheduled to begin this week, and will take about a month or so. Will not have interruptions with schedules, games, concession, etc.

- Sinking fund referendum-potential for May. Will bring items to the Board in December/January.

- Education: Assessments for interventions will be completed this week.

- Math: Getting great feedback from teachers on Number Corners.

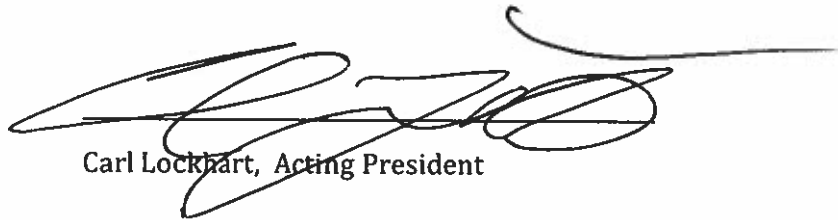
- Literacy: Good feedback so far.

## KUDOS/THANK YOUS


Kudos to the staff for jumping in and working with new items, etc.  
Kudos to the bus drivers for running all routes efficiently.  
Thank you to Scott DeHut for his work with math classes.

## ADJOURN

Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to adjourn at 6:28 PM.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.

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Carl Lockhart, Acting President

A smaller, more compact handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Yaklyvich'.

Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary