

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, November 17, 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, November 17, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Heather Beck, Josh Yaklyvich ABSENT: Carl Lockhart, Robert Zyhowski

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 Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the minutes from the October 20, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Beck made a motion, supported by Mattson, to acknowledge the October/November General Fund invoices in the amount of \$7,756.40.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

 Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the November General Fund invoices in the amount of \$75,847.84.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

 Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the November sinking fund invoices in the amount of \$5,296.48.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

STAFFING / INSTRUCTIONAL-FACULTY

Recommendation to accept the resignation of Brian Amos as Driver Education Teacher effective December 19, 2025. (EXHIBIT A)
Brief discussion was held regarding the Driver Education program for continuation (training a new teacher) or outsourcing a service in the future. This will move forward with committees and cost review in the near future.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the resignation.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the district to explore seeking an additional elementary teacher or para pro position for 3rd grade.

Extra help for 3rd grade would be covered by At-Risk Funding allowing for more support for high needs students.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF POSITIONS

Recommend that the Board of Education approve an additional at Elementary Para Position for 7.25 hours per day.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board of Education approve the Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball referee/official rate increases as presented.

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

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION / 2025 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

Recommend that the Board adopt a resolution to continue the practice of summer collection of local school taxes (operation and debt service) in Ontonagon, Rockland and Carp Lake Townships, taxes to be collected in the summer of 2026 under the same pro-rata as in 2025, and authorize the superintendent to act as the Board's agent in this matter. (EXHIBIT C)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the resolutions.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

2024-2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Recommend that the Board approve the financial audit report from Anderson, Tackman & Co. showing a general fund balance of \$882,265 at June 30, 2025. (EXHIBIT D)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the audit report.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Recommend that the board accept the updated 2025-2026 budget as presented. (EXHIBIT E)

Updated budget from July based on State Aid budget passing.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the revised budget.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUESTS / ROBOTICS

Recommend that the Board approve the trips for Robotics:

Lake City, MI: March 13 - 15, 2026 & Escanaba, MI: April 9 - 11, 2026

Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept Robotics dates.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich ABSTAIN: Beck

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

31AA MENTAL HEALTH & SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDING

Discussion and possible vote on recommendation regarding 31aa Mental Health & School Safety State Funding.

Legal recommendation was made not to accept or sign funding. Several lawsuits have been filed against the State by school districts and ISD. A court case will be held in December.

A motion was made by Mattson, supported by Strasser, for the Superintendent to accept funding if attorney/client privilege is revoked.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Beck, Yaklyvich

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Operations Committee met on November 13, 2025.

-Discussed the budget update and bus garage.

Assistant Principal Uotila (absent) report was provided by Superintendent Johnson:

-71 referrals since the October meeting, 2 are positive.

-Halloween carnival was successful and the book fair did well. Positive feedback was received about the art class escape room.

-Veteran's Day Breakfast was held on November 12--was well attended and the students did a wonderful job serving and welcoming them. Several students performed their Voice of Democracy speeches and Patriot's Pen essays along with the Pledge of Allegiance and music with one student singing.

-Non-perishable food drive in progress at the school, donations are steady.

-Basketball practices have begun.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

-Athletics - Referee fee increases

-SRO (School Resource Officer) update

-Board policies work

-Facility updates: Lunch table needs, heating and quotes on potential projects.

-Holiday concert will be held in December--date/time TBD.

KUDOS/THANK YOUS

Kudos to the administration staff for their work on the audit/budget.

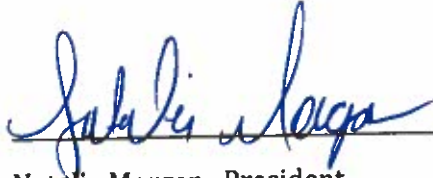
Kudos for a successful Halloween Carnival and Veteran's Program.

Thank you to Brian Amos for his Driver Education years of service.

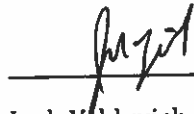
Kudos to Betsy Guilbault for her time on the German trip, fundraisers, etc.

ADJOURN

Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to adjourn at 6:22 PM.
All voting AYE, motion carried.

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

Natalie Morgan, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Yaklyvich", written over a horizontal line.

Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary

