

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, February 16, 2026
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, February 16, 2026. Present – Natalie Morgan, Heather Beck, Tammy Strasser, Carl Lockhart, Robert Zyhowski, Josh Yaklyvich **ABSENT:** Nancy Mattson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

APPROVE MINUTES Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2026 regular meeting as presented. All voting **AYE**, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Beck made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to acknowledge the January/February General Fund invoices in the amount of \$16,127.61.
AYE: Strasser, Lockhart, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. **ABSENT:** Mattson. Motion carried.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the February General Fund invoices in the amount of \$34,074.60.
AYE: Strasser, Lockhart, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. **ABSENT:** Mattson. Motion carried.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the February Sinking Fund invoice in the amount of \$3,924.75.
AYE: Strasser, Lockhart, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. **ABSENT:** Mattson. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Strasser made a motion for a slate of officers to keep the current board as is, supported by Lockhart.

2026 Officers: President: Natalie Morgan
Vice President: Carl Lockhart
Secretary: Josh Yaklyvich
Treasurer: Nancy Mattson

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

2026 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Beck made a motion for a slate of appointments to keep the current committees as is, supported by Lockhart.

2026 Committees:

Administration: Morgan, Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich

Operations: Mattson, Strasser, Morgan

Education: Beck, Yaklyvich, Zyhowski

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

STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommend that the Board accept the resignation of Noelle Manos, Varsity Volleyball Coach, effective January 27, 2026. (EXHIBIT C)

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

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

BUS GARAGE

Superintendent Johnson gave an update on the bus garage as items are taking longer than expected. Working on potential land purchase with legal and review of engineering/architecture/project management options are in progress with future updates forthcoming.

CAFETERIA TABLES

Recommend that the Board approve the purchase of two (2) Cafeteria Tables in the amount of \$4,965.48. (EXHIBIT E)

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Mattson. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Operations Committee met on February 10, 2026.

-Discussed the bus garage and CTE Building.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

-15 referrals since the December meeting.

-Winter homecoming wrapped up with a great pep session and dance.

-Junior class hosted a Middle School Valentine's Day Dance.

-Middle School Winter Recreation day (skiing at the Porkies) will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026.

-S4SD (Strive 4 Safer Driving) is in its 11th year; surveys done and artwork has begun.

-Jack Nelson won 2nd place in the State Voice of Democracy VFW contest, was awarded an MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship and scored 1,000 points in basketball.

-German class trip is coming during spring break.

-TRIO spring break trip will be held during spring break.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

-ISD Common Calendar.

-Union Contract Negotiations will be held with Support Staff this year.

-Student teaching updates were given.

-Data tool update – this has been rescheduled due to January weather issues.

-Student activity updates.

KUDOS/THANK YOU

Kudos to Jack Nelson, the FFA and Welding Students for their achievements
Kudos to the student teachers on their great success.

Thank you to Betsy Guilbault for her great work in supporting coverage for absences and getting substitutes.

CLOSED SESSION / SUPERINTENDENT MID YEAR EVALUATION

(May return to open session for action on item) (EXHIBIT H)

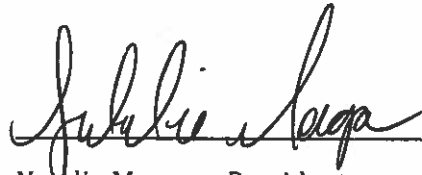
Beck made a motion to enter into closed session, supported by Strasser at 6:15 p.m. AYE: Strasser, Lockhart, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. ABSENT: Mattson. Motion carried.

Beck made a motion to return to open session, supported by Strasser at 6:34 p.m. AYE: Strasser, Lockhart, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan, Yaklyvich
NAY: None. ABSENT: Mattson. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck to adjourn at 6:34 PM.
All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President



Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary