

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, April 20, 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, April 20, 2026. Present – Natalie Morgan, Heather Beck, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski. **ABSENT:** Nancy Mattson, Carl Lockhart, Josh Yaklyvich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**      The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Beck was appointed Acting Secretary due to Yaklyvich absence.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**      Zyhowski made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, supported by Beck. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**              Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the minutes from the March 16, 2026 regular meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the minutes from the April 9, 2026 special meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**              Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to acknowledge the March/April General Fund invoices in the amount of \$44,543.02.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan    NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich.    Motion carried.

Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the April General Fund invoices in the amount of \$44,287.20.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan    NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich.    Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**              None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                None.

## STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Anna Drew as Elementary Teacher starting in the 2026-2027 school year at a pay rate of \$40,104.00. Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the hire.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the posting of a 4/7th Music Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.  
Superintendent Johnson voiced budget concerns to fund the position. Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the posting.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF

Recommend that the Board approve the resignation of Renee Scarfone, Paraprofessional, effective April 17, 2026. (EXHIBIT B)  
Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the resignation.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the hiring of Daniel Jenkins for the summer custodial position.  
Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the hire.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the hiring of Teresa Burrows for the part-time K-12 Secretary position.  
Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the hire.  
AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## BIDS / UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Recommend that the Board approve the 2026 USF (Universal Service Fund) project bid for Aruba Networking Subscription (current license is expiring) from SEHI, \$6,793.20. USF funding will cover 80%, which leaves the District cost at \$1,358.64. (EXHIBIT C)

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the bid.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUESTS

### Track-UP Finals

Recommend that the Board approve the UP Track Finals overnight trip to be held in Kingsford, MI on May 29-May 30, 2026.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the trip.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## MATH CURRICULUM

Recommend that the board approve the purchase of phase 2 purchasing of the elementary math curriculum at a cost of \$4,536.00. (EXHIBIT E)

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

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## SUPPORT STAFF CONTRACT / MASB SERVICES CONTRACT

Recommend that the Board approve the MASB Services Contract for Support Staff Union Negotiations for the contract expiring on June 30, 2026.

(EXHIBIT F)

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the contract.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Recommend that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar (EXHIBIT G).

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the calendar.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## CONTRACT / REMC SUPPORT SERVICES 2026-2027 YEAR

Recommend that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Services Agreement with REMC for IT Services in the amount of \$41,160.00. (EXHIBIT H)

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the services agreement.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## BANK ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Recommend that the Board approve Lisa Johnson, Peggy Kukanich, Adoness Turner 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 Fund and Retirement Fund.

(Walker will be removed effective May 15, 2026)

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the changes.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## BOARD LETTER

Recommend that the Board approve the letter to be sent to Ewen School District regarding interest in Collaborative sports. (EXHIBIT J)

A revised copy was provided at the meeting.

Zyhowski made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the letter.

AYE: Strasser, Beck, Zyhowski, Morgan NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mattson, Lockhart, Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

The Education/Athletics Committee met on April 13, 2026.

-Discussed SRO, Educlimber, math curriculum, drivers education (Escanaba training class will not be held this year), electives, staffing and coaching updates.

The Operations Committee met on April 15, 2026.

-Discussed bus garage, budget, staffing for 2026-27 year, ISD agreements and lawn service.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

-We have had 15 referrals since the last meeting.

-24th TRIO Trip for middle school students to Iron River.

-Prom this weekend. Set up Friday.

- Middle school track, baseball, softball, have all begun.

-German class trip to Germany was successful. Students and chaperones had positive feedback.

-Kindergarten round-up went well. Looks like numbers will be holding steady.

-Students appear to really like the book vending machine.

-Cell phone policy changes from HB 4141.

-Camp Nesbit May 4-6, ORV and Hunter Safety.

-Scholarship Foundation Interviews will be held next week.

-Testing in progress.

-Honor Flight Letters - students are working on thank you letters for the May flight.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

-Bus garage update / moving along, draft of building drawing complete.

-Educlimer Update / legal working on contract for ISD.

-Professional learning for 2026-27.

-Staff hiring updates.

-School resource officer / contract with ISD.

-Sinking fund renewal update / holding 2nd meeting on April 21.

-Policy changes from NEOLA to Thrun.

KUDOS/THANK YOUS

Kudos to the German class teacher and Betsy Guilbault for coordinating the class trip to Germany.

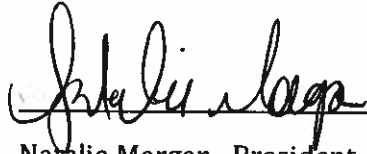
Kudos to all staff for pushing through to the end of the year.

Kudos to Kathy Bauer for doing a great job during her first year.

ADJOURN

Strasser made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

All voting AYE, motion carried.



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Natalie Morgan, President



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Heather Beck, Acting Secretary