

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, May 18, 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, May 18, 2026. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski, Heather Beck, Josh Yaklyvich ABSENT: Carl Lockhart, Tammy Strasser (late arrival)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

APPROVE MINUTES Beck made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2026 regular meeting.
All voting AYE, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Mattson made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to acknowledge the April/May General Fund invoices in the amount of \$16,674.90.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Strasser. Motion carried.

 Mattson made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the May General Fund invoices in the amount of \$118,435.60.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Strasser. Motion carried.

 Beck made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the May Sinking Fund invoices in the amount of \$8,512.75.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Beck, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart, Strasser. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE None.

Tammy Strasser joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

GOISD 2026-2027 BUDGET

Present to the Board the Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District General Education 2026-2027 proposed budget for consideration. (EXHIBIT A)

Mattson made a motion to consider the budget, supported by Zyhowski. The Board members have additional questions and would like to have the ISD come on site. Superintendent Johnson will follow up with this request.

Beck made a motion to accept the budget as presented, supported by Mattson.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

GOISD PRESENTATION / ALAN TULPPO

Mr. Tulppo was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Superintendent Johnson discussed the handout that was provided by the GOISD that was based on data for the 2024-2025 year. The Board members would like to have this information sooner if possible and still would welcome a site visit from the GOISD to discuss further.

STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF

Recommend that the Board approve the resignation of Melody Williams, Paraprofessional, effective May 11, 2026. (EXHIBIT C)

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

Recommend that the Board approve the transfer of Margaret Lewis from Title Facilitator to Paraprofessional effective with the 2026-2027 year.

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Terrie Delaere as Elementary Special Education Teacher effective with the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommend that the Board accept the resignation of Kadin Mustafa, Varsity Football Coach, effective May 5, 2026. (EXHIBIT E1)

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

Recommend that the Board accept the reinstatement of Peggy Elmlad, Girls Middle School Basketball Coach, effective April 22, 2026.

(EXHIBIT E2)

Matton made a motion to accept the reinstatement, supported by Strasser.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

STAFFING / ADMINISTRATIVE

Recommend that the Board approve a temporary remote offer for Nancy Walker for a Business Assistant Consultant Position (EXHIBIT F) Duration of the contract will be for 6 months.

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

BIDS / LAWN CARE

Recommend that the Board approve the Lawn Care Bid from Robert Graham for the 2026 mowing season in the amount of \$5,100.00.

(EXHIBIT G)

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

BANKING CHANGE

Recommend that the Board approve the transfer of the Citizens State Bank Employee Retirement Account from a business savings account to a business checking account. CSB no longer offers business savings accounts.

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

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried

SET 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET HEARING

The Superintendent recommends that the Board set the public hearing date for the 2026-2027 proposed general fund budget.

The public hearing date will be held on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. with a special June board meeting immediately following the public hearing.

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the public hearing date and special June board meeting date.

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

NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES:

The Education/Athletics Committee met on May 11, 2026.

-Discussed football, coaching updates, strategic plan update work, position discussion and MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports), Educlimber agreement with the ISD.

The Operations Committee met on May 12, 2026.

-Discussed bus garage update, sinking fund project priority list (passed vote on May 5, 2026), lawn bid, budget and ISD agreement updates.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

- We had 24 referrals since the last meeting.
- Prom was well attended and students did a great job.
- Kindergarten Graduation is slated for June 2nd.
- Elementary Field Day is planned for May 28th.
- Camp Nesbit went well. Students came back tired! They had a track meet that afternoon (the girls team won), and then a dance.
- Awards Ceremony took place on May 13th. The cafeteria was full. Thanks to all who stayed and helped clean up. It went quickly.
- Testing should be wrapped up for benchmark and State.
- Honor Flight Letters went to Howie Seid. We had great participation.
- Senior exams are happening in the next couple of days. Class Day is Thursday 7th hour. Seniors will be setting up the gym on Thursday morning. Graduation is Friday May 22nd.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

- Bus garage bids will be released Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Will be posted for 3 weeks, due on June 10, 2026. Plans are to the state for approval.
- Summer facilities work will be done on the gym floor and painting of various areas as time allows.
- Sinking fund project timeline-draft to the board in June.
- Open positions.
- Upcoming items: Art open house at the theater May 20, graduation on May 22, track meet May 21, last day of school is June 3, 2026.
- Superintendent Johnson and Tammy Strasser will attend the ISD dinner.

KUDOS/THANK YOU

- Kudos & thank you to the community for their support of the Sinking Fund!
- Thank you to the entire staff-end of the year can be a hard time.
- Kudos to Kathy Bauer for her keeping the Facebook account going with school related items/activities and thank you to Teresa Burrows for her work on the bus garage flyer.
- Kudos to the Camp Nesbit Counselors.
- Kudos to Superintendent Johnson for her work on the bus garage project.
- Kudos to the Food Service Staff for doing a great job this year on the budget and the menu of items served-kids are enjoying the food.

SHORT TERM ADJOURNMENT

Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to enter into a 3-minute adjournment prior to entering into closed session at 6:21 p.m.
AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Beck, Strasser, Zyhowski, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Lockhart. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION - FACULTY

Enter into closed session at 6:21 p.m. after short term adjournment.

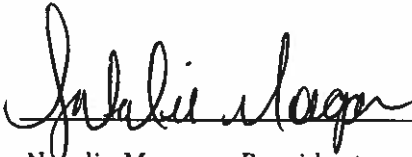
Beck made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to return to open session at 6:35 p.m. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Beck made a motion to accept the separation agreement and release for a faculty member, supported by Strasser.


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

ADJOURN

Mattson made a motion, supported by Beck to adjourn at 6:37 PM.
All voting AYE, motion carried.



Natalie Morgan, President



Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary