

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Immediately Following Public Hearing, Monday, June 29, 2026
701 Parker Avenue, Ontonagon, MI 49953
Ontonagon Area School Library**

CALL TO ORDER A special meeting of the Ontonagon Area Board of Education was called to order at 5:37 PM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, June 29, 2026. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Carl Lockhart, Josh Yaklyvich. Absent - Robert Zyhowski, Heather Beck.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Public Hearing Meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2026 regular meeting. All voting AYE, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge the June General Fund invoices in the amount of \$1,167.53.
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Zyhowski, Beck. Motion carried.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the June General Fund invoices in the amount of \$31,254.87.
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Zyhowski, Beck. Motion carried.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the July General Fund invoices in the amount of \$74,290.59.
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan, Yaklyvich.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Zyhowski, Beck. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

2025-2026 FINAL BUDGETS

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2025-2026 general fund budget, as presented. (See Exhibit A1)

Superintendent Johnson gave a brief summary about the budgets. Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve the final budget.

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

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

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2025-2026 food service budget, as presented. (See Exhibit A2)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the food service budget.

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

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

Recommended that the Board adopt the 2025-2026 debt retirement budget, as presented. (See Exhibit A3)

Strasser made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the debt budget.

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

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

2026-2027 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Recommended that the Board adopt the proposed 2026-2027 general fund budget, as presented at the public hearing. (EXHIBIT B)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the proposed general fund budget.

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

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

STAFFING / APPROVE 2026-2027 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for Bob Clark to be the Building and Grounds Supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit C1)

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

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

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

Recommended that the Board approve a one-year contract with Peggy Kukanich to be the Business Manager for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit C2)

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

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

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

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for George Truscott to be the Transportation Supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit C3)

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

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

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

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Jon Uotila for the ½ Assistant Principal position for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit C4)

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

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

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

Recommended that the Board approve a one year contract for JoAnn Kemp to be the Food Service Supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit C5)

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

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

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

STAFFING / APPROVE 2026-2027 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve a contract for Josh Drew for the Athletic Director position for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit D)

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

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

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

STAFFING/ APPROVE 2026-2027 ACCOUNTANT CONTRACT

Recommended that the Board approve an hourly contract for Linda Karttunen for the Accountant Contract position, for the 2026-27 school year. (Exhibit E)

This contract will run through November 2026.

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

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

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

STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Preston Manos as Varsity Football Coach effective with the 2026-2027 school year.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the hire.

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

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

Recommend that the Board approve the resignation of Ethen Mapes as Varsity Boys Basketball coach effective June 15, 2026.

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

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

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

STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommend that the Board approve the resignation of Payton Drew, Social Studies Teacher, effective June 22, 2026. (EXHIBIT G)

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

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

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

CTE BUILDING / EASEMENTS

Recommend that the Board approve the Clearance Easement between the GOISD and Ontonagon Area School District for the CTE Building. (EXHIBIT H1)

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

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

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

Recommend that the Board approve the Utility Easements between the GOISD and Ontonagon Area School District for the CTE Building (EXHIBIT H2).

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING / SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Recommend that the Board approve the MOU between the GOISD and Ontonagon Area School District for the School Resource Officer services effective July 1, 2026. (EXHIBIT I)

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

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

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

BUS GARAGE - CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Recommend that the Board approve the bid from Ruotsala for the construction of the Bus Garage.

Bid amount was \$793,969.00. UP Engineering will serve as the Construction Manager, local subcontractors will be utilized and currently has a projected start date of Mid-July pending final State approvals.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the bid award. AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan, Yaklyvich.

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

KUDOS / THANK YOUS

Thank you to Superintendent Johnson and Peggy Kukanich for their work on the budget

Kudos to George Truscott and Bob Clark for their assistance with the bus garage project.

Kudos to JoAnn Kemp for a great job managing the food service budget and menus.

Thanks to the summer school staff.

SHORT TERM ADJOURNMENT

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to enter into a short adjournment prior to entering into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION - SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to return to open session at 6:32 p.m. All voting AYE, motion carried.

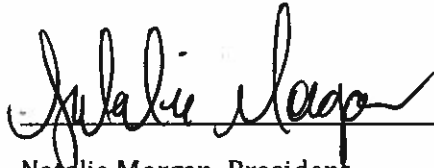
Mattson made a motion to approve Superintendent Johnson's performance rating as effective, supported by Strasser.

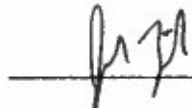
AYE: Mattson, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan, Yaklyvich.

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

ADJOURN

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



Natalie Morgan, President

Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary