ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 pm, Monday, June 15, 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, June 15, 2026. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Robert Zyhowski, Heather Beck, Carl Lockhart. Absent - Josh Yaklyvich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mattson was appointed Acting Secretary due to Yaklyvich absence.

APPROVE MINUTES Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to accept the minutes from the May 18, 2026 regular meeting. All voting AYE, motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to acknowledge the May/June General Fund invoices in the amount of $9,730.40.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Lockart, to approve the June General Fund invoices in the amount of $48,648.53.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

SET REGULAR MEETING TIME, DATE, PLACE

The Board should establish the regular meeting time, date and place. Regular meetings have been set for the third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM and we recommend keeping them the same. (Exhibit A).
Beck made a motion, supported by Lockart, to approve the meeting schedule
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL PUBLISHERS

The Board should designate the Ontonagon Herald and/or the Ironwood Daily Globe and the Daily Mining Gazette as official publishers.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the official publishers.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

The Board should designate Citizens State Bank, Miners State Bank, and MIL (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus) as depositories for school funds.
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve depositories.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF PERSON FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Board should designate the Secretary of the Board and/or members of the Central Office Staff for posting public notices of meetings.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the postings.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF ELECTION DUTIES

The Secretary of the Board of Education should exercise his/her right to delegate election duties to a member of the District's Central Office Staff. If duties are delegated, it must be recorded in the Board's minutes.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the election duties.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The Board should retain the Lansing law firm of Thrun Law Firm.
Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to retain Thrun Law Firm.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

The Board should adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official meeting rules.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to adopt the meeting rules.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

RE-ADOPTION OF CURRENT POLICY BOOK

The Board should re-adopt the current Board policy book.
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to adopt the current policy book.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL LIAISON TO MASB

The Board President should be designated as the official liaison to the Michigan Association of School Boards. The liaison receives special mailings from the Association.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the MASB.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

MASB, ISD MEETINGS

The Board should approve attendance for its members at meetings sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards or the Intermediate School District for Board members.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the attendance.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

BANK ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

The Board should approve Lisa Johnson, Peggy Kukanich and Adoness Turner as authorized signatures on the following bank accounts: General Fund, Student Service Fund, Payroll Account, Capital Projects Fund, Student Activity Fund, Debt Retirement Funds and Retirement Fund. Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the authorized signatures.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

STAFFING / FACULTY

Recommend that the Board approve the posting of Full Time Title 1 teacher for the 2026- 27 school year.
Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the posting.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the authorized signatures.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF

Recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Bryant Boulton, Paraprofessional, effective June 4, 2026. (EXHIBIT M)
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the resignation.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

STAFFING/SUMMER SCHOOL

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Reece LaBine, Summer School Teacher, at a rate of $25/hour.
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the hire.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Scott DeHut as ParaProfessional at an hourly rate of $17.93 for the Summer School Program..
Beck made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the hire.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

STAFFING / EXTRACURRICULAR

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Scott Cleary as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach effective pending pre-employment items.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the hire.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

Recommend that the Board approve the hire of Madeline Strong as the Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the hire.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

2026-2027 SCHOOL OF CHOICE RESOLUTION

Recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to be a School of Choice district for the 2026-2027 school year. (Exhibit P)
Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the resolution.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

2026-2027 MHSAA DEAD PERIOD

Recommended that the Board acknowledge the Michigan High School Athletic Association "dead period" for our District as June 29 - July 5, 2026.
Beck made a motion, supported by Strasser, to approve the dead period.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

2026-2027 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution. (Exhibit R)
Strasser made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the resolution.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2026 L-4029 TAX RATE REQUEST

The superintendent recommends that the Board approve the 2026 L-4029 Tax Rate Request setting the operational millage for non-homestead properties at 18.0000 mills, the debt retirement millage on all properties at .42000 mills and the sinking fund millage at 1.2632 mills. (Exhibit S1 and S2 attached)
Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck, to approve the tax rate.
AYE: Mattson, Zyhowski, Beck, Strasser, Lockhart, Morgan.
NAY: None. ABSENT: Yaklyvich. Motion carried.

BUS GARAGE / CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Discussion and possible action to review bids received for the bus garage construction project. (EXHIBIT T)
Lockhart made a motion, supported by Beck, to hold discussion.
Superintendent Johnson would like Board direction prior to selecting the contractor; three bids were received.
It was decided to form a sub-committee to review the bids, ask questions related to the construction, obtain a project schedule, etc. and present at the June 29, 2026 special board meeting for bid award.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES:

The Operations Committee met on June 9, 2026.
-Discussed budgets, job descriptions/contracts and bus garage.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:
-We had 11 referrals since the last meeting.
-Wrapped up the year, signed up summer school/credit recovery students.
-Kindergarten Graduation was June 2nd.
-Elementary Field Day was well attended on May 28th.
-Attended BTAM training on June 12, 2026.
-Last day of attendance support training was held today, June 15, 2026.

Superintendent Johnson reported:
-Facilities - CTE building/utilities; summer cleaning projects.
-Attended BTAM training on June 12, 2026.
-School Resource Officer update.
-Support staff union negotiations & board representation.
-Hiring update.
-Ewen-Trout Creek/Ontonagon collaboration committee update.
-Summer School update.
-GOISD update-Alan Tulppo plans to attend our July board meeting.

KUDOS/THANK YOUS

-Kudos to the Staff for getting through the year and year end.
-Kudos to Betsy Guilbault and helpers for the Graduation program work.
-Thanks to Jon Uotila for brainstorming ideas regarding attendance issues.

ADJOURN

Strasser made a motion, supported by Beck to adjourn at 6:40 PM.
All voting AYE, motion carried.

Natalie Morgan, President

Nancy Mattson, Acting Secretary