

PROPOSED
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Jason Terakedis

Members Present: R.Tessier, H.Ruttkofsky, A.Gast, J.Terakedis, R.Reynolds

Members Absent: K.Williams, D.VanBrunt

Others Present: A.Aiken, C.Garrison, S.Head, K.Springer, T.Comden, R.Meeks, C. Sverdieck, S.Silas, L.Boulanger, T.Holly, A.Gomez, M.Davis, C.Garrison, A.Ellison

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Terakedis. The Mission Statement was read by Vice President Terakedis.

Motion by R.Tessier to approve the agenda. Seconded by A.Gast. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by R.Reynolds to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by R.Tessier . Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$992,199.60. Seconded by H.Ruttkofsky. Motion Carried 5-0.

Student Representative Report: Kaylee Rankin presented the following for her student report from the Middle School and High School. Middle School - Conferences went well, we had 72.5% participation which is an increase from last fall (71%) and we have less students. Our 7th grade completed the MiPHY survey and we have the data back from that. We use this information to create goals around ways to support students. We will get the county data later to compare our students to other schools. We have many clubs and group meetings. Kiwanis has been fundraising for students in our building. They are filling our pantry and purchasing stocking stuffers for students in our building in need. They also helped serve Veterans at the Legion for Veterans Day. Student Council has been working on new fundraisers and goals in their club. They are working to be more focused on improvements for students and ways to give back. Robotics has been meeting, their next competition is December 14th in Hudson., The Chemistry Challenge has started, they compete in March. Math Counts has been practicing, and they compete in February. YIG had a great trip to Lansing. We had a large representation of students. We were able to pass 5 bills through legislation and for the first time ever, we had a student, Lena Marsh be nominated for Speaker of the House. She had been preparing to campaign for this for months so we are thrilled that her hard work paid off. The 8th grade is excited to have this opportunity in the high school. Students had their first incentive reward today. They had snacks and walked to the park to play. 7th Graders are working on their EDPs tomorrow. We are excited for the Holiday Season! In the High School - We had a successful first annual Haunted Hallways put on by the class of 2026. The Band O Rama and Glow Show was another huge success this year. Another nice time at the NHS Banquet at Adrian College. We are eagerly awaiting the start of our winter sports competitions. There are some cool things happening in our classrooms, as always, and we are pleased to be looking at a short week, and a well deserved Thanksgiving holiday break.

Comments from the Audience: R.Meeks from Adrian questioned the board regarding the zero tolerance dress code and if it was looked at following the last meeting. A.Gomez from Adrian also commented on the dress code, asking the board if they had seen any violations.

Reports - T.Comden reported the students of the month for the high school. A.Ellison reported the students of the month for the middle school. Mrs Davis shared the Elementary Building Report. The math night was a huge success tonight with lots of participation. An update on enrollment and goals for attendance and behaviors was given along with activities that are being planned for the kids to enrich their day. The Elementary is updating their PBIS and encouraging career exploration.

Motion by H.Ruttkofsky to acknowledge the hiring of Heidi Drake - HS Art Teacher, Hunter Neal - EL Para and Justin Fisher - Repair Person. Seconded by R.Reynolds . Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by R.Tessier to accept with regret the resignations of Michael Henige - HS Math Teacher, Cayla Pearsall - HS Math Teacher and Deb Long - Bus Driver. Seconded by A.Gast . Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the NEOLA Policies Fall Update. The Policy committee met and discussed these updates. Policies/Bylaws include: Policy 1540- Administrative Staff Reduction/Recalls, Policy 2370.01- Online/Blended Learning Program, Policy 7217- Weapons, Policy 7540.03- Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, Policy 8305- Information Security, Policy 8531- Free and Reduced Price Meals.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the Snow Removal Bid from Adams Property Services, LLC. Seconded by H.Ruttkofsky. Motion carried 5-0.

Committee Meetings: The policy committee met a couple of weeks ago to review the latest NEOLA updates. They will schedule a Finance Committee meeting in December.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Head invited the board members to the Legislative Breakfast. RSVPs need to be in by November 28th. We have written up new contracts for 2 new athletic trainers which will start on December 4th. They are independent contractors, not working for a physical therapy company and carry their own insurance. Student count is unaudited at 1185 FTE. All schools across the state are continuing to lose enrollment so we are not alone in this. We have roughly 300 school of choice students coming to Onsted Schools this year. We are waiting on phone bids for series 3. Dustin is getting some technology purchased with one being the elementary Steam Lab. November 27th our Varsity Boys basketball will be playing Hanover Horton at 1:45 at Little Caesars Arena. Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Board Member Comments:

R.Tessier - Band O Rama was awesome. I appreciate all the hard work that went into that. Lenawee United Hockey has started and is great to watch with Onsted well represented.

A.Gast - Thank you for the great meeting.

J.Terakedis - December 20th is the band's holiday concert. Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for coming.

R.Reynolds - Thank you Marsha for the great report. And Happy Thanksgiving.

H.Ruttkofsky - Apologize for being absent for a couple of months. Based on surveys that I am involved with as part of my job, there are an alarming amount of students not entering college

after HS. This is causing colleges to create micro credentials. I highly recommend embedding these ideas into our current curriculum and planning.

Motion by R.Reynolds to move into closed session at 8:11 pm for the purpose of superintendent evaluation. Seconded by R.Tessier Roll Call Vote - R.Tessier - Yes, H.Ruttkofsky - Yes, A.Gast - Yes, J.Terakedis - Yes, R.Reynolds - Yes.

Meeting moved into closed session at 8:12 pm

Meeting reopened at 8:55 pm

Motion by R.Tessier to adjourn. Seconded by A.Gast.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

David VanBrunt, Secretary

Board of Education

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