

PROPOSED MINUTES
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 16, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Keith Williams

Members Present: A.Gast, K.Williams, J.Terakedis, D.VanBrunt, R.Reynolds, R.Tessier

Members Absent: H.Ruttkofsky

Others Present: S.Head, K.Springer, A.Strong, P.Brogan, M.Brogan, K.Brogan, K.Lafollette, M.Francis, D.Price, M.Davis, T.Comden, A.Ellison, R.Meeks, T.Aiken, T.Holly, A.Gomez, C.Pohl, B.McDennett

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

Motion by J.Terakedis to approve the agenda. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by R.Tessier to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by J.Terakedis. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$1,514,763.79. Seconded by R.Reynolds. Motion Carried 6-0.

Student Representative Report: Kaylee Rankin presented the following for her student report from all buildings: **High School:** Wrapped up a successful Homecoming week. Thanks to all the students and staff that helped make the week such a success. We are happy to be welcoming our new Art teacher today, Yea! We have a group of seniors participating in the activity "Walking in Someone Else's Shoes" on Tuesday at the Tech Center. This will help give students perspective on what it means to live with financial struggles. We have students going on a field trip with Mrs. Papenhagen to the "Construction Contractors Expo at Eastern Michigan University on Tuesday. Looking Forward to Parent-Teacher conferences on the 26th. **Middle School:** Our teams are having productive meetings to improve student performance. We have parent-teacher conferences coming up. We are again offering them in person or by phone- our families have appreciated this due to time constraints. We are looking forward to Halloween fun at OMS. It is always fun watching the staff participate in the costume contest. Youth in Government goes to Lansing on November 12 for a few days.FYI- starting this year, the DC trip will leave in the morning and no longer have overnight driving trips. This is a company decision, not the school. This only impacts the timeline of activities.

Comments from the Audience: T.Holly 7034 Shepherd Rd. addressed and questioned the dress code at sporting events.

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. Carla and Bonnie presented the Americanism Essay award certificates and cash awards to the students, Mason Brogan, Keegan Gray, Griffin Combs and Garrett Smith. D.Biringer reported on the Continuous Improvement Coordinator role and what she has been working on within the district including assessments(NWEA,PSAT/SAT), implementation plans in all 3 buildings, support for struggling readers, observations and data collections, curriculum needs and using curriculum inventory and review cycle. She also explained MTSS systems work and the communication flow chart used in the district.

Motion by A.Gast to acknowledge the hiring of Jessica Breese - ES Para, Becky Bentley - ES Para and Kaylee Wilson - ES Para. Seconded by R.Reynolds. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by J.Terakedis to accept with regret the resignation of Katie Yoder - ES Para. Seconded by R.Tessier . Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion held regarding the OEA/OESPA Pay Proposal with proposal to move to an action item to be approved at this meeting. Motion by R.Tessier to move this to an action item. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. Motion carried 6-0. This will become action item 23-24 #20

Motion by R.Reynolds to accept the Unmodified 22-23 Financial Statement Audit as presented by Meredith Francis. Seconded by A.Gast Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by J.Terakedis to accept the Track Resurfacing bid by Current Surfaces, Inc. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. The board would like to inquire on doing a gray surface rather than black. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by R.Tessier to approve the bid by Adrian Mechanical for the High School boiler replacement. Seconded by R.Reynolds Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by R.Tessier to approve the OEA/OESPA 23-24 school year pay proposal. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. The board will look at a meeting to discuss a pay proposal for administration. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Meetings: The finance committee met last week to discuss the OEA/OESPA pay proposal and this week to review the financial audit. A policy committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss policy changes/updates.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Head reported that he is setting up meetings with each board member to just check in. Boys Varsity basketball team will be playing at Little Caesars Arena on November 27th with a 1:45 pm start time. Anyone that attends will be able to stay for the Piston's game. This may mean that we need to look at changing school to a half day. Changes to teacher evaluations are being looked at in Lansing to rate on a 3 tier rating system and remove the student growth piece. This could be changing this year or next. There is new legislation that was signed today changing the school retirement rule from not being allowed to return to the school system from 9 months to 6 months. We are in desperate need of bus drivers. We will have to cancel routes from time to time and may not be able to transport to sporting events due to the shortage. We are not the only district facing this issue.

Board Member Comments:

R.Tessier - Echo all the comments about the staff. All the staff is making a huge impact on the lives of the kids.

A.Gast - Thank you all for coming and thank you to all of the staff.

K.Williams - Thank you to all. Would like to put the essay winners up on our website. It was really nice to see them at the meeting.

J.Terakedis - Thank you to Anita for all the time put into the audit. Also a big thank you to the grounds crew, food service, and everyone that makes this school work. Also congratulations to the essay winners.

D.VanBrunt - Expressed a thank you to Dyan for coming and speaking about what she does. It is really great to see the kids come into the meeting as well.

R.Reynolds - Expressed gratitude to the teachers and staff. Really appreciate everything they do.

Motion by J.Terakedis to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education
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