

PROPOSED MINUTES  
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
September 18, 2023

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

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

Members Absent: A.Gast, H.Ruttkofsky

Others Present: M.Davis, J.Freeman, A.Strong, K.Lafolette, T.Comden, S.Head, K.Springer, J.Rankin, R.Meeks, T.Holly

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 R.Tessier. Motion Carried 5-0

Motion by D.VanBrunt to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by R.Reynolds. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by J.Terakedis to approve the disbursements for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$958,906.87. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. Motion Carried 5-0.

Student Representative Report: Kaylee Rankin gave the student report. From the Middle School: OMS has had a great start to the year. They spent time teaching the students behavior and procedural expectations the first week. They have also completed NWEA and IXL testing and are working to use the data to assist all students. Congratulations to Mrs. Smelser. She was nominated as Teacher of the Week in the Daily Telegram! They had their first dance and it was tons of fun. They are looking forward to the next one, put on by the student council. 6th Grade camp is this week which is always fun, and a good weather forecast to look forward to! They have Micki Cardwell coming on October 10th to go over Ok2Say reporting for each grade level. Tony Aiken has a great class this year- Hands-on History- that has many local trips included. They have walked through Onsted, they will be visiting the Croswell, Lenawee Historical Museum, and Wooden Stone School. Students are really enjoying this class and we appreciate him connecting them with the local community. At the High School: they had a great start to the school year with the students settling in and getting used to the day to day HS life. They just finished NWEA testing last week. The staff is looking forward to our Social Media Use/Misuse assembly this Wednesday put on by the Michigan State Police. Our sports and club teams are starting to welcome our elementary students every Friday at drop off locations. This week our band students will be helping out! We have received awesome feedback on social media about this! Homecoming week is next week. All 4 grades will begin float building this Sunday. Our theme this year is based on Disney movies. Parade is at 4:00pm next Friday and kick off against Ida is at 7:00pm. All homecoming festivities will take place at half time. There will be a high school dance following the game. Next Saturday Onsted Athletics will be hosting their 3rd annual reverse raffle at Michigan International Speedway. Tickets are still available and you do

not need to be present to win. Please contact Travis Wobrock or Jen Hutchinson to purchase tickets. All proceeds raised will go directly back to Onsted Athletics.

Comments from the Audience: Tammy Holly-7034 Shepherd Rd Adrian. Tammy addressed the dress code within the schools.

Reports - Elementary Social Studies Report. We had the first curriculum night tonight. We did not have attendance. We think it was not successful due to it being earlier in the day at 4:00pm. There were a lot of great presentations that we will be able to use in the future. We have a lot planned for social studies. We did get the pickleball grant and we are now showing our kids how to play during gym class. The kids are really excited about it and enjoying playing. Jackie Freeman gave a report on the Wooden Stone School House. There are a lot of visits planned this year for students to get to visit the school. The Middle School Hands on History class will be visiting this week helping to clean the school house.

A.Gast arrived at 7:15pm

Motion by R.Reynolds to acknowledge the hiring of Brittney Robbins - GSRP Co-Lead Teacher, Katie Yoder - ES Para and Jon Hovermale - HS Para . Seconded by A.Gast. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by R.Tessier to accept with regret the resignation and well wishes to Steve Thomson - Repairperson, Lisa Gillin - ES Para and John McCormick - HS Art. Seconded by J.Terakedis. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the \$14,079.88 Presidio Network Switch purchase using bond funds. Seconded by D.VanBrunt . Motion carried 6-0.

Committee Meetings: Finance Committee will be meeting two times in October, once for the audit and once for in regards to the upcoming contract.

Superintendent's Report - Had a good work session tonight with a big portion of the discussion being on the teacher contract. Coming up we will need to purchase a High School Boiler and the HS Track will need to be replaced. We are starting week 4 of the school year. Congratulations to Angela Smelser who was honored as the McDonald's Amazing Teacher of the month. I will be at the Annual Superintendent's Conference Tuesday afternoon through Friday.

Board Member Comments:

R.Tessier - Congrats to Mrs. Smelser. Her work for our middle schoolers is appreciated. Nice to see everyone back at sports and seeing the band playing.

A.Gast - He would like to acknowledge all of the coaches and volunteers that work with our kids in school sports as well as OCRC.

K.Williams - Would like to reiterate how much Steve Thomson will be missed around the district. A big thank you again to him.

J.Terakedis - Thank you to Steve Thomson and Congrats on Mrs. Smelser. The Onsted Athletic Boosters give back so much to all of our students. Please sign up and volunteer to help them out. The grounds crew has done an amazing job around the district. It has never looked better. The sports teams and band being out in front of the elementary school to greet the students has been great.

D.VanBrunt - Thanks for everyone that came in.

R.Reynolds - Congrats to Mrs. Smelser and to Steve for all of his hard work.

Motion by J.Terakedis to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

David VanBrunt, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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