

PROPOSED MINUTES
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 18th, 2021

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

Members Present: A. Gast, H. Ruttkofsky, J. Terakedis, K. Williams, D. VanBrunt (arrived 7:03 pm)

Members Absent: R. Reynolds (One vacancy.)

Others Present: S. Head, B. Boughton, M. Davis, T. Comden, J. Woods, J. Kelly, A. Strong, A. Roesch, J. Rankin, D. Rankin, P. Tessier, R. Tessier, D. Schmucker, J. Scott, A. Lamb, S. Peters, O. Garrison, D. Ross, D. Bayes, S. Cunningham, M. Freshcorn, C. Garrison, R. Lowe, A. Ellison (arrived 7:15 pm)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Williams.

President Williams led a moment of silence in honor of Todd Gentner, and spoke on his behalf.

D. VanBrunt arrived at 7:03 pm.

Vision and Mission Statements were read by President Williams.

Motion by Gast to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Terakedis. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the minutes of the September 20th, 2021 Board Meeting. Seconded by Gast. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the disbursements for the month of September 2021 in the amount of \$1,005,204.93. Seconded by Ruttkofsky. Motion carried 5-0.

Comments from the Audience: Scott Peters (9042 Rome Rd, Adrian MI 49221) spoke about quarantine matters for healthy kids and due process of law. Daryl Ross (7770 Springville Hwy, Onsted MI 49265) spoke about the Health Department and school jurisdiction in regards to quarantine matters for healthy kids. Otis Garrison (8751 Springville Hwy, Onsted MI 49265) spoke about recommendations/requirements, and how we can potentially do things better. H. Ruttkofsky raised questions about contact tracing. J. Terakedis acknowledged parent frustration. Jennifer Rankin (13608 Slee Rd, Manitou Beach MI 49253) spoke about quarantine protocols in other school districts and how contact tracing is being handled. Calby Garrison (10710 Slee Rd, Onsted MI 49265) spoke about student hygiene and ensuring that soap dispensers in bathrooms are working properly. Doug Bayes (9500 Forrister Rd, Adrian MI 49221) spoke about frustration with the school discipline process.

Reports: Alaina Ellison presented the Middle School Students of the Month.

Student Representative Report: Student Representative Rachel Lowe shared events happening around the district, including Book Fair, new playground equipment, new staff members, and a third GSRP classroom for the Elementary, Book Fair, upcoming conferences, and upcoming Halloween events for the Middle School, and upcoming conferences for the High School. High School sports are also winding down, and the marching band received a Division I rating at marching festival.

Motion by Ruttkofsky to accept with regret the resignation of Cynthia Huizenga, Elementary Paraprofessional. Seconded by Gast. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the hire of Landon Jenkins, Substitute Maintenance, Marta Baldysz, Elementary Behavioral Counselor, and Jessica Hallenbeck, Substitute RN. Seconded by Gast. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the leave of absence of Craig Teeple, Bus Driver. Seconded by VanBrunt. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gast to approve the purchase of new Chromebooks for the total of \$27,241.50 and iPads for the total of \$79,369.50. Seconded by VanBrunt. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Head spoke in honor of Todd Gentner and the positive influence he had on the Board of Education during his 21 year tenure. He explained the open board seat, and how the vacancy will be handled. Applications are due Thursday, October 21st, 2021. Interviews will be held at a special meeting on Monday, October 25th, 2021, at 6:00 pm. He spoke about the marching band Division I rating at festival, and how great of a job Jaime Mykeloff has done with the program since taking over for Melissa Marks. He recognized administrators for National Principals Month. He also gave a construction update: roofing is 6-8 months out due to a supply issue, and furniture will hopefully be coming over the holiday break. There is a Lenawee County Association of School Boards dinner on November 2nd, at the Tech Center. RVSPs are needed by October 19th.

Board Member Comments: H. Ruttkofsky thanked parents for being in attendance, and reiterated that she is open to discussions. She encouraged parents to keep attending meetings and getting involved. K. Williams spoke about the primary goal of the Board being what is best for the kids, and that parents can contact board members at any time.

Motion by Ruttkofsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Seconded by Terakedis. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education
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