

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

August 6, 2024

1. Call to Order.

A special meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District's Board of Education was held in the Media Center. Called to Order by President James Rieger at 6:00 p.m. on August 6, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Present: Kowalski, Palmer, Porter, Hart, Rieger, Veal, and Bonnard.
Absent:

4. Approval of Agenda.

Hart moved to approve the agenda as written, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Citizens/Present Time for Agenda Items.

Lain Veihl presented to the Board. No action taken.

6. Regular Business.

a. Hiring: Cross Country Coach.

Veal moved to hire Dan Betke, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Hiring: 8th Grade Volleyball Coach.

Hart moved to hire Elise Arkwood for volleyball, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Hiring: 1st Grade Teacher.

Hart moved to hire Taylor Darling for 1st grade teacher, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Hiring: Middle School Special Education Teacher.

Palmer moved to hire Christi Cross, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Hiring: Secondary Principal.

Porter moved to hire Bryan Pyle as the secondary principal, supported by, Veal. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. Approval of a Teacher's One Year Leave of Absence

Hart moved to approve a one-year leave of absence for Bryan Pyle (from his teaching position), supported by Porter. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Interim Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bauer thanked the Board for the grace he has gotten from them as he has stepped into the Interim Superintendent position.

He reported that he had met with former Superintendent Mindy Horn on 4 or 5 occasions over the past 2 weeks to learn about the district. He found the meeting very helpful and appreciated her taking the time to do this. Mrs. Horn is continuing to communicate with him. Mr. Bauer stated he also appreciates the staff, Board members, and community members who have stopped by to introduce themselves and help him out.

Mr. Bauer asked Board members that have been contacted by parents or community members with concerns or complaints to direct those to him. Bauer said he will take the time to hear their concerns and will meet with them if necessary.

He is working on an introductory letter to the community which will be put on the school's website and the district's Facebook page.

Mr. Bauer respectfully asked the Board, and everyone in the community to take it "down a notch" regarding social media posts and rumors. He said we need the temperature in the community regarding the school to be lowered. If anyone has an issue they may contact him directly.

7. Citizens Present/Time.

Lain Veihl presented to the Board. No action Taken.

Chad Chapman presented the Board. No action taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.

8. Adjournment.

Hart moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m., supported by Palmer.


Secretary, Board of Education

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Dan Bauer, Interim Superintendent
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal

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