

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Onaway Media Center

1. Call to order.

A regular meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District's Board of Education was held in the Media Center. Called to order by President Mike Hart at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Hart, Moran, Kaszonyi, Kowalski, Stacey Porter, and Annette Porter
Absent: Veihl

4. Approval of minutes for regular/special meetings.

a. March 11, 2025 Regular meeting minutes.

Moran moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 11th, 2025, supported by Annette Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. January 14, 2025 **Amended** Organizational meeting minutes

Moran moved to approve the amended minutes from the Organizational Meeting January 14, 2025, supported by Annette Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda.

Stacey Porter moved to approve the agenda, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizens Present Public Comment Time - **For Agenda Items Only.**

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

7. Information Items

- a. Superintendent Report - attached.
- b. Secondary Principal's Report - attached.

- c. Elementary Principal's Report - attached.
- d. Athletic Director's Report - attached.

8. Financial Reports

a. Approval of bills.

Stacey Porter moved to approve the (March) bills as written, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Approval of financial report.

Annette Porter moved to approve the (March) financial report, supported by Stacey Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business

a. Band Trip- MS going to Michigan Adventure & HS going to Cedar Point.

Band Instructor, Katie Doud, presented band trip information.

Kaszonyi moved to approve the MS & HS band trips, supported by Annette Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Senior Class Trip - Information given by Mr. Pyle.

Annette Porter moved to approve the Senior Class Trip to go to Florida, supported by S. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. MS/HS Schedule Recommendation - Mr. Pyle explained the proposed 6 period schedule for the 2025-26 school year.

Kowalski moved to approve the 6 period schedule, supported by Annette Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Pyle explained the Proposed Updated Graduation Requirements for the 2025-26 school year.

Kowalski moved to approve the Updated Graduation Requirements, supported by Moran.

Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. MS Track Coach

Kaszonyi moved to hire Bryan Leach as Junior High Track Coach, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Thunder Bay Cardinal Health Center Remodeling Project - attached.

Update on Health Center renovations given by Kosrae Harman & Julie Gilbert.

f. Closed Session-Attorney-Client Privilege

Kaszonyi made a motion to go into closed session, supported by Stacey Porter. Discussion held.

Moran asked for discussion on keeping arbitration in open session due to previous waiver of attorney /client privilege at previous meetings. The Board discussed and agreed. All in favor.

Hart called for a 6 minute break at 7:59 p.m to resume in closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Hart called closed session to order at 8:05 p.m.

i. Policy 5106 - closed session

- ii. Arbitration- motion changed this item to open session. See item g. below.
- iii. Investigation- closed session

Annette Porter moved to go back into open session at 8:21 p.m., supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. Arbitration

Discussion held on the most recent arbitration proposal.

Moran made a motion to strike \$112,000 and exchange it for \$30,000 and to strike items 15 and 16 completely, supported by Kowalski. Discussion held.

Roll call vote: Moran - yes, Stacey Porter - no, Kowlaski - yes, Kaszonyi - no, Annette Porter- no, Hart - no

Motion not passed.

Stacey Porter moved to accept the settlement as written but to strike item 16, supported by Annette Porter. Discussion held.

Roll call vote: Annette Porter - yes, Stacey Porter - yes, Kaszonyi - yes, Moran - no, Kowlaski - no, Hart - yes

Motion carried.

h. Committee Updates

i. Policy

Update regarding bullying policy chain of command.

i. 1st Reading of Thrun Policy Updates - attached.

1. Policy update 5106. Discussion held.

Moran moved to strike Policy 5106 and leave this policy open, supported by Hart. Discussion held.

Roll call vote: Kaszonyi - yes, Moran - yes, Stacey Porter - yes, Annette Porter - yes, Hart- yes, Kowalski - yes. Motion carried.

2. Policy updates 4100, 4200, 4113 and 4113 F. Discussion held about policy regarding sick time. Board will read through the policy updates. Motion not expected until the second reading.

3. Multiple Policy Updates on Title IX Policy changes. Board will read through the policy updates. Motion not expected until the second reading.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Kaszonyi- Would like to see some BOE goals set for next school year.

Hart- Asked Jake who is promoting the upcoming bond project.

Stacey Porter- No comment

Annette Porter- No comment

Kowalski- Read letter regarding Chaskeys port-o-johns at girls softball game.

Moran- Expressed concern over lost instructional days due to weather this past school year.
Suggestion is we adopt a school calendar that has some contingency days built into it.
Moran would also like to see our professional relationship with Thrun Law Firm end.
Veihl - Absent

11. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Connie Krajniak presented to the board. No action taken.
Kay.Schnabel presented to the board. No action taken.

12. Adjournment

Anette Porter moved to adjourn at 9:53p.m., supported by Stacey. All in favor. Motion carried.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Hart
Lorrie Kowalski
Annette Porter
Thomas Moran
Lain Veihl
Stacey Porter
John Kaszonyi

ADMINISTRATION

Jake Huffman, Interim Superintendent
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal
Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

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