

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2024

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 James Rieger at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

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

4. Approval of minutes for regular meetings.

Veal moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and the July 18, 2024 Special Board Meeting, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda.

Kowalski—I have two things I have to add. Can we make the Curriculum e, and we are talking about puberty and the Michigan Model? Then f for Policy on grades.

Porter moved to approve the amendments for the agenda, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

Porter moved to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Bonnard. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

None.

7. Information Items.

a. Interim Superintendent Report – Dan Bauer- Attached.

b. Principals' Report.

Elementary-Robin Benson- Attached.

Secondary-Bryan Pyle-Friday was Bryan's first official day.

8. Financial Reports.

A. Approval of bills.

Bonnard moved to accept the July bills as presented, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Financial Report.

Bonnard moved to approve the Financial Report for July as written, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business.

A. State Aid Borrowing Note Resolution.

Borrowing Note Resolution read by Interim Superintendent Dan Bauer:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Issuer shall borrow the sum of not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) or such lesser amount as the Department of Treasury may approve or as reduced by a member of either the administrative staff or the Board of the Issuer, and shall issue its note or notes (the "Notes") therefor. The Issuer hereby appropriates a sufficient amount of state aid to repay the principal of and interest on the Notes. In addition, the full faith and credit of the Issuer is hereby irrevocably pledged for payment of the principal and interest on the Notes, and in case of insufficiency of state aid, the Issuer shall pay the Notes from any funds legally available therefor, and, if necessary, levy taxes on all taxable property in the Issuer for the payment thereof, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations, all pursuant to Act 451. The pledge of full faith and credit is subordinate to any encumbrances or tax levies pledged or to be pledged for the payment of tax anticipation notes issued or to be issued by the Issuer pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

It is hereby declared that said borrowing is necessary for the purpose of securing funds for school operations and it is agreed with the purchaser of said Notes that the proceeds thereof will be used exclusively for that purpose.

Veal moved to approve the State Aid Borrowing Note Resolution as prepared by Thrun and to accept the bid that provides the lowest dollar cost to the district, supported by Bonnard. Roll call vote: Kowalski- yes, Porter- yes, Veal- yes, Bonnard- yes, and Rieger- yes. Motion carried.

B. Change the Financial Account Signer from the former Superintendent to the Interim Superintendent, including accounts at Citizens National Bank; High School

Activities, School Lunch, Payroll, General, Elementary, General IMMA, Debt Retirement Fund Retirement Fund, and AFLAC.

Veal moved to remove Mindy Horn as a signer and add Dan Bauer as a signer to the following accounts at Citizens National Bank; High School Athletics, School Lunch, Payroll, General, Elementary, General IMMA, Debt Retirement Fund, and AFLAC, supported by Bonnard. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Hiring:

i) Transportation Director.

Porter moved to approve Karen McDonald as our Transportation Supervisor, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

ii) Food Service- Cook.

Bonnard moved to approve Charlotte Green as a cook in the Food Service Department, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan.

Veal moved to approve the Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Puberty and The Michigan Model

Kowalski- We had a Curriculum and Policy (Committee) meeting right before this and we are recommending we have a Puberty class for 4th and 5th graders.

Kowalski moved to accept the Puberty class (for 4th and 5th grade), supported by Veal. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kowalski- The Michigan Model: this is state law that we have to bring this before the Board. Right now, the Board has accepted to 9th grade. What what we are wanting is the Board to accept 7th and 8th grade also.

Kowalski moved to approve the Michigan Model for 7th and 8th grade (1st reading) supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Policy Update.

Policy 5418 Language Update read by Taed Price:

Current Policy reads:

The Superintendent or designee will develop and implement student grading guidelines to be used by teachers. The objective of grades is to quantify and report each student's academic achievement.

The building principal will publish grade-change procedures, if any, for the school building in the student handbook. All procedures must be consistent with Board Policy.
Date Adopted: 8-9-2022

The recommendation brought by the Policy/Curriculum Committee tonight is that we add letters a and b to those two paragraphs to itemize them and also add the following item b1: A student's final grade cannot be changed without the teacher, principal, and superintendents' approval. All signatures are required before changing a student's grade.

Kowalski moved to accept the policy update as read aloud by Taed Price, supported by Veal, Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.

Earl Bassett presented to the Board. No action taken.

Kathy Christian presented to the Board. No action taken.

Vermilya- Mr. Chair, this is highly inappropriate, put that in the record, please.

11. Adjournment.

Veal moved to adjourn at 7:38, supported by Bonnard. All in favor. Motion carried.



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