

**Owosso Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.  
Report 25-103**

Present: Adam Easlick, Nick Henne, Rick Mowen, Shelly Ochodnicky, John Pappas, Olga Quick, Marlene Webster

Absent: None

President Webster called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Washington Campus Administration Building, 645 Alger St, Owosso, MI 48867.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Election of Officers**

Superintendent Brooks reviewed the process used by the Board of Education for the annual election of officers. He explained that nominations would be opened for the office of President. Once the President was elected, the newly elected President would preside over the election of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Superintendent Brooks opened nominations for the office of Board President. Mr. John Pappas nominated Mrs. Shelly Ochodnicky for the office of Board President, and Mrs. Ochodnicky accepted the nomination. Mr. Rick Mowen nominated Mrs. Marlene Webster for the office of Board President, and Mrs. Webster accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Upon roll call vote, Mrs. Ochodnicky received four votes and Mrs. Webster received three votes. The motion carried 4–3. Mrs. Ochodnicky was declared elected Board President effective immediately.

President Ochodnicky assumed the chair and opened nominations for the office of Board Vice President. Mrs. Olga Quick nominated Mr. Adam Easlick for the office of Board Vice President, and Mr. Easlick accepted the nomination. Mrs. Marlene Webster nominated Mr. Rick Mowen for the office of Board Vice President, and Mr. Mowen accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. A vote was taken. Following clarification and a second vote, Mr. Easlick received four votes and Mr. Mowen received three votes. The motion carried 4–3. Mr. Easlick was declared elected Board Vice President effective immediately.

President Ochodnicky opened nominations for the office of Board Treasurer. Mr. John Pappas nominated Mrs. Olga Quick for the office of Board Treasurer, and Mrs. Quick accepted the nomination. Mrs. Marlene Webster nominated Mr. Nick Henne for the office of Board Treasurer, and Mr. Henne accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Upon vote, Mrs. Quick received four votes and Mr. Henne received three

votes. The motion carried 4–3. Mrs. Quick was declared elected Board Treasurer effective immediately.

President Ochodnicky opened nominations for the office of Board Secretary. Mrs. Olga Quick nominated Mr. Nick Henne for the office of Board Secretary, and Mr. Henne accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Upon vote, Mr. Henne received the unanimous support of the Board. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Henne was declared elected Board Secretary effective immediately.

### **Building Reports**

Central Kindergarten was recognized during Celebrate Kids. Principal Rowell, Mrs. Locker, and students shared highlights of classroom activities and student learning.

Freshman Sami Ross was recognized for earning All-State honors in golf.

CTE Instructor Carrie Warning and two students presented on their participation and experiences at national conferences.

Student Representative Ellen DeLong reported on senior honors, recognizing three students, as well as a recent blood drive.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Brooks recognized January as Board of Education Appreciation Month and thanked Board members for their service. He announced Buck Flagg as Support Staff of the Year and Maggie Gobel as Teacher of the Year. Administrative updates included upcoming Kindergarten registration, bond survey participation, transportation and maintenance updates, and growth in the youth wrestling program. Building-level highlights from across the district were also shared.

### **Curriculum Director's Report**

Dr. Dwyer reported that the district is currently in a testing window. Planning for the 2026–2027 school year is underway, including scheduling and ninth-grade transition meetings.

### **Public Participation**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment. No public comments were offered.

### **For Action**

Moved by Easlick, supported by Mowen, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2025 Closed Session Minutes, January 14, 2026 Committee Meeting Minutes, Current Bills, and Financials. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Easlick, Henne, Mowen, Ochodnicky, Pappas, Quick, Webster. Nays-None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Webster, supported by Easlick, to approve the annual resolution regarding Board bylaws and operating procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Webster, supported by Easlick, to approve delegated authority to the Superintendent to manage school election responsibilities for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mowen, supported by Easlick, to approve retaining Thrun Law Firm as district legal counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Easlick, supported by Mowen, to approve the Superintendent or designee to accept professional staff resignations on behalf of the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mowen, supported by Easlick, to approve the designation of financial institutions and authorized signers for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Quick, supported by Pappas, to approve Rick Mowen was appointed as the SRES D representative, with Adam Easlick designated as the alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pappas supported by Easlick, to approve the 2026 meeting calendar, including moving the May Committee meeting from May 13 to May 6 to align with a potential August bond election timeline. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Webster, supported by Mowen, to approve the FFA work change order for water line installation, authorizing directional boring in place of open cut to preserve the roadway and parking lot. The expense will be paid from the sinking fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pappas, supported by Easlick, to approve Budget Revision One, reflecting an increase in revenue of approximately \$2,147,071 and an increase in expenditures of approximately \$2,073,810. The projected deficit is approximately \$1.8 million, with a fund balance projected between 22% and 23%. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Easlick, Henne, Mowen, Ochodnick, Pappas, Quick, Webster. Nays-None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Quick, supported by Mowen, to approve the hiring of Kristina Crandall as a Kindergarten teacher at Bryant. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **For Information**

The Board was informed of the retirement of Jenny Lemay, effective January 23, 2026.

#### **Public Participation**

No public comments were offered.

#### **Board Member Comments**

Trustee Mowen thanked the Board for the appreciation gift, congratulated the newly elected officers, and emphasized the Board's governance role. Secretary Henne complimented the grounds crew on snow removal efforts and expressed interest in reviewing bond survey data. Board members discussed long-term infrastructure needs, noting approximately \$30 million in identified repairs and the importance of planning 15–20 years ahead. Trustee Pappas congratulated the Staff Members of the Year and emphasized the importance of Board unity.

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

February 11: Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting, 5:30 PM

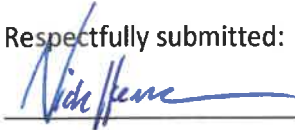
February 25: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM

**Adjournment**

Moved by Ochodnicky, supported by Easlick to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by: Carrie Yoho

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Henne", written over a horizontal line.

Nick Henne, Secretary