

**ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**July 9, 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 July 9, 2024.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**3. Roll Call.**

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

**4. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2024 regular meeting.**

Veal moved to approve the minutes for June 11, 2024 regular meeting, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes for June 25, 2024 workshop meeting.**

Hart moved to approve the minutes for June 25, 2024 workshop meeting, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Approval of Agenda.**

Palmer- Mr. Chair, I don't see Mr. Decker in our regular business. I'm not sure how far of a travel he's got, but should we put him first under regular business as a. Also, I received an email in regards to ethic violations. Does that need to be on here somewhere, too?

Rieger- Put that on there, wherever you would like. Put it right under Mike Decker, and then we can just move everything down the line that way.

Palmer- Mindy had said something about a food director.

Horn- I wanted to add that to my motion. I'll make it as a separate motion under item e: hiring; just add that as a third.

Rieger- Then, interim superintendent, let's make that item number underneath g and move h and i down.

Palmer moved to approve the amended agenda, supported by Kowalski. All in favor. Motion carried.

Palmer moved to accept the agenda as amended, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **7. Information Items.**

**a. Superintendent** – Mindy Horn- All I have to add is not much in the last two weeks, obviously, but I have also accepted the resignation of Danielle Schmoldt. She is taking a job at the Intermediate School District.

**b. Principals' Report**-Attached.

**c. Athletic Report**- Attached.

**d. Yearly Goal Update**-None.

## **8. Financial Reports.**

**a. Approval of bills.**

Veal moved to accept the (June) bills as written, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

**b. Approval of Financial Report.**

Veal moved to accept the financial report (for June) as written, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **11. Regular Business.**

**a. HVAC Presentation by Mike Decker.**

Mike Decker presented to the Board.

Palmer moved to go forward with the letter of intent to legal services (for review), supported by Kowalski. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Hart- nay, Kowalski-yes, Palmer-yes, Porter-nay, Veal-nay, Rieger- yes. Motion failed.

**b. Ethics Violation.**

Discussion held on ethic violations.

**c. Accept Superintendent's Resignation.**

Palmer moved to accept the superintendent's resignation, supported by Kowalski. Roll call vote: Kowalski-yes, Palmer-yes, Porter-nay, Veal-yes, Hart-no and Rieger-yes. Motion carried.

**d. Appointment of Board Vice-President.**

Rieger nominated Kowalski (as the Board Vice-President), supported by Palmer. Discussion held. Rieger, Palmer and Kowalski in favor. All others opposed. Motion failed.

Porter nominated Hart (as the Board Vice-President). All in favor. Motion carried.

**e. Appointment to Negotiations Committee.**

Hart moved to nominate Veal to the Negotiations Committee, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

**f. Appointment to Interview Committee.**

Hart moved to nominate Kowalski to the Interview (Hiring) Committee, supported by Rieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

**g. Hiring: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Athletic Director and Food Service Director.**

Porter moved to hire Vicki Kaszonyi for an elementary teaching position, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veal moved to hire Steve Watson as the Athletic Director, supported by Hart. Discussion held. Email from the attorney read aloud by President Rieger upon approval of all board members. Roll call vote: Palmer-yes, Kowalski-no, Porter-yes, Veal-yes, Hart-yes, Rieger-no. Motion carried.

Hart moved to (hire) Shelby Price as the Food Service (Director), supported by Porter. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Kowalski-yes, Palmer-yes, Porter-yes, Veal-yes, Hart-yes, Rieger-yes. Motion carried.

**h. Support Staff Contract.**

Veal moved to approve the changes to the support staff contract as presented, supported by Hart. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Veal-yes, Kowalski-no, Palmer-no, Hart-yes, Porter-yes, Rieger-yes. Motion carried.

**i. Sex Ed Committee Recommendations- info only.**

Kowalski- The 9th-grade Sex Ed will continue as previously, as it was voted on before by the Michigan Model. Then, we are going to (add) the 7th and 8th grades; we're going to add them to the curriculum, too. We have to have two open meetings, and we are going to have that August 13 and September 10 at 7 p.m., and that is going to be with the Board. Then, the computer, so that the family members or whoever wants to come in, will be open at 6 p.m. so that they can look over the curriculum on the computers. Except we are going with 7th and 8th grade, we have to have two meetings to get okayed by the Board.

President Rieger called for a 5-minute recess until 8:30.

President Rieger reconvened the meeting at 8:31.

**j. Interim Superintendent Interviews.**

Interviews of applicants Dan Bauer, Collin Hoffmeyer, and John Kaszonyi.

President Rieger called for a 5-minute recess until 10:13.

President Rieger reconvened the meeting at 10:13.

Discussion held on applicants.

Hart moved to hire John (Kaszonyi as the Interim Superintendent), supported by Porter. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Porter-yes, Hart-yes, Veal-yes, Kowalski-no, Palmer-no Rieger-no. Motion failed.

Hart moved to (hire) Dan (Bauer as the Interim Superintendent), supported by Palmer. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Hart- yes, Kowalski-yes, Veal-yes, Porter-yes, Palmer-yes, Rieger-yes. Motion Carried.

**k. Appointment of New Member to Vacant Seat.**

Interviews conducted of applicants Joe Bonnard, Brenda Brewster, Scott Hill, Leslie Nixon, Jessica Richard, and Lain Veihl.

Discussion held on applicants.

Hart moved to (nominate) Lain Veihl (to the vacant Board seat). Hart rescinded him motion.

Discussion continued on applicants.

Hart moved to (nominate) Lain Veihl (to the vacant Board seat), supported by Porter. Discussion held. Roll call vote: Palmer-no, Porter-yes, Hart-yes, Veal-yes, Kowalski-no Rieger-no. Motion failed.

Porter moved to (nominate) Les Nixon (to the vacant Board seat), supported by Veal. Discussion held. Roll call Vote: Porter-yes, Hart-yes, Kowalski-no, Veal-yes, Palmer-no, Rieger-no. Motion failed.

Veal moved to (nominate) Jessica Richards (to the vacant Board seat), supported by Hart. Roll call Vote: Kowalski-no, Hart-yes, Porter-yes, Palmer-no, Veal-yes, Rieger-no. Motion failed.

Palmer moved to (nominate) Joe Bonnard (to the vacant Board seat), supported by Kowalski. Discussion held. Roll call Vote: Hart-yes, Porter-no, Kowalski-yes, Palmer-yes, Veal-no, Rieger-yes. Motion carried.

### **1. Board Correspondence.**

Kowalski-none.

Palmer- Wanted to make sure that it's known to the community that this entire Board wants the mileage to pass, all of us.

Porter-none.

Hart-none.

Veal-none.

Rieger-none.

### **10. Citizens Present/Time.**

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.  
Lain Veihl presented to the Board. No action taken.  
Veronica Norman presented to the Board. No action taken.  
Scott Hill presented to the Board. No action taken.  
Barb Hoffmeyer presented to the Board. No action taken.  
Stacey Porter presented to the Board. No action taken.  
Chad Chapman presented to the Board. No action taken.

### **11. Adjournment.**

Hart moved to adjourn at 11:51 p.m.

Mike Benson presented to the Board. No action taken.

Hart moved to adjourn at 11:52 p.m.

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

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