

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Onaway Media Center

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 Mike Hart at 6:00pm on January 30, 2025.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call: Hart, Veal, Kowalski, Annette Porter, Stacey Porter, Moran and Veihl
4. Approval of Agenda.
Veihl moved to approve the agenda, supported by Stacey Porter. Discussion held.
Moran protested going into closed session. Discussion held.
Moran motioned to approve the agenda with an amendment to stay in open session, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Citizens Present Public Comment Time - For Agenda Items Only.
Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Veronica Norman presented to the board. No action taken.
Tiffany Krussel presented to the board. No action taken.
Veihl read a letter to the board on behalf of Kanisha Perkins. No action taken.
6. Information Items:
 - a. Superintendent's Update
Mr. Bauer gave a bond update - attached
7. Interim Superintendent Resignation - attached
Friday, April 4th 2025 will be Mr. Bauer's last day.
Moran made a motion to accept Mr. Bauer's resignation, supported by Veal. Discussion held.
All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Pending arbitration case with former Superintendent Mindy Horn.
Discussion held.
President Hart read an email from Daniel Martin at Thrun. - attached.
Discussion held.
Moran made a motion to accept an (est.) \$30,000.00 payout and accept her decision not to come back. Supported by Kowalski. Discussion held.
Roll Call Vote: Moran- yes, Kowalski- yes, Veal- yes, Veihl- yes, Stacey Porter- yes, Annette Porter- no, Hart- yes.

9. Board Member Comments/Correspondence.

Kowalski- Would like to see kindergarten enrollment numbers from fall 2000 to fall 2024 and also the number of senior graduates from spring 2001 to spring 2025.

Hart- At the Organization meeting we had some committees that we appointed members to and I was unsure of how many people I needed to appoint more members to. I plan to start fresh and appoint people to those committees; Safety and Policy committees.

Traditionally when I was BOE President before, I had permission from the board to research organizations prior to giving them a spot on the agenda, given it wasn't an urgent matter. Is the board still ok with me looking into certain things for agenda items?

Annette Porter made a motion to approve President Hart this freedom, supported by Moran.

Discussion held.

Veal- I am putting my resignation in. (Effective immediately)

Hart- We have 30 days to appoint a new board member.

Veihl- Asked that a written chain of command be drafted on the bullying policy.

Moran- I would like to see the BOE agenda meetings include more educational material.

10. Citizen Present Public Comment Time.

Lanisha Boughner presented to the board. No action taken.

Karen Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Michelle Bauer presented to the board. No action taken.

11. Adjournment.

Moran moved to adjourn at 7:17pm, supported by Veal.. All in favor. Motion carried.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Hart
Lorrie Kowalski
Annette Porter
Jeremy Veal
Thomas Moran
Lain Veihl
Stacey Porter

ADMINISTRATION

Dan Bauer, Interim Superintendent
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal
Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

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will ask you to address the Board during the Citizens Time section. Your comments will be limited to three minutes under Board Policy.

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