**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**Board of Education Committee Meeting Minutes**
**June 10, 2026 – 5:30 pm**
**Report 25-149**

**Board Members Present:** Shelly Ochodnicky, President, Adam Easlick, Vice President, Olga Quick, Treasurer, Nick Henne, Secretary and John Pappas, Trustee, Rick Mowen, Trustee and Marlene Webster, Trustee.
**Absent:** None

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Owosso Public Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Ochodnicky 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.

**Public Participation**
President Ochodnicky stated that the Board of Education is a public body and recognizes the value of public comment on education issues. Time has been included in the meeting's agenda for public participation. Members of the audience were reminded to announce their name and group affiliation when applicable and to limit their participation time to three minutes or less. Comments should be directed to the Board and be relevant to the business of the Board of Education. This is not an opportunity for dialogue with the Board of Education. The rules of common courtesy should also be observed.
No members of the public addressed the Board.

**For Action:**
Moved by Quick, supported by Mowen, to approve the Amended April 22 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Venture**
The Board received an update on the Venture project. Venture representatives continue to work with local and state investors and remain optimistic about meeting their August 1 timeline. The Board discussed potential alternatives should the project not move forward, including the possibility of demolition, while recognizing the challenges associated with the property's historic district designation. Venture representatives are expected to provide an update at the June 24 Board meeting.

**HB 6058**
The Board discussed House Bill 6058 and the potential impact on school district insurance costs. Members reviewed concerns that removal of the insurance hard cap could result in significant increases to district expenses. Administration indicated the district is budgeting conservatively while awaiting further guidance and a pending court decision.

**Baker Pathways Contract**
The Board reviewed the annual Baker Pathways agreement and was informed that the renewal contains no substantive changes. The partnership continues to provide educational opportunities for students and administration recommended renewing the agreement.

**Thrun Policy**
Administration reported that a policy review meeting with Thrun Law Firm is scheduled for June 17. Required policy updates will be reviewed and presented to the Board at the June 24 meeting, with formal action anticipated in July.

**Performing Arts Meeting Location Review**
The Board discussed the recent use of the Performing Arts Center as a meeting location. Members noted improved acoustics and seating arrangements compared to other venues. Minor concerns regarding stage lighting and storage needs were discussed, and the location was generally viewed favorably for future meetings.

**Curriculum Update**
Administration provided an update on summer programming and curriculum initiatives. Elementary summer school programs have begun with strong participation, while secondary enrollment is lower than previous years. The Board also received information regarding curriculum materials, including upcoming recommendations related to high school science resources.

**YMCA Learning Zone**
The Board reviewed the annual YMCA Learning Zone agreement. The partnership provides after-school programming for students while generating revenue for the district. Administration recommended renewing the agreement for the upcoming year.

**MI Works Contract**
The Board reviewed the annual Michigan Works agreements for both union and non-union employees. The partnership provides onboarding and training reimbursement opportunities and support services for eligible employees at no cost to the district. Administration recommended renewal of the contracts.

**Bond Update**
Administration provided an update on bond communication efforts. Informational materials, community presentations, website updates, social media outreach, and voter education initiatives are ongoing. The Board reviewed plans to continue community engagement leading up to the August election.

**Budget**
The Board received an overview of the district's financial position and preliminary budget planning for 2026-27. Administration reported that the district remains financially stable with a projected healthy fund balance. Budget revisions and the proposed 2026-27 budget will be presented for further review at an upcoming meeting.

**Round Table**
Board members engaged in discussion regarding student behavioral supports and intervention services across the district. The conversation included current strategies being utilized to address student needs, available support personnel and programs, and opportunities to strengthen intervention efforts.

Additional discussion focused on summer learning opportunities, credit recovery programming, and academic support options to help students achieve success.

**Closed Session**
Moved by Quick, supported by Mowen, to move into closed session at 6:58 p.m. to address matters protected by attorney-client privilege and contract negotiations. President Ochodnicky conducted a roll call vote: Ayes: Henne, Pappas, Quick, Mowen, Ochodnicky, Easlick and Webster Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pappas, supported by Easlick, to move back into open session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of adjournment. President Ochodnicky conducted a roll call vote: Ayes: Henne, Easlick, Pappas, Ochodnicky and Quick Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**
Moved by Pappas, supported by Mowen, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Melissa Buehler

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Henne

Nick Henne, Secretary