

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2025 - 7:00 PM  
Onaway Media Center

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 Mike Hart at 7:00pm on March 11th, 2025.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Hart- Present  
Moran- Present  
Kowalski- Present  
Kaszonyi- Present  
Veihl- Present  
Stacey Porter- Present  
Annette Porter- Present

4. Approval of minutes for regular/special meetings.

- a. February 4, 2025 Special meeting minutes
- b. February 11, 2025 Regular meeting minutes.
- c. February 18, 2025 Special Meeting minutes.
- d. February 27, 2025 Special meeting minutes.

Moran moved to approve the February 4th Special Meeting minutes, the February 11th Regular Meeting minutes, the February 18th Special Meeting minutes and the February 27th Special Meeting minutes, supported by Stacey Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda.

Moran moved to approve the agenda, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

None

7. Information Items.

- a. Superintendent Report -attached
- b. Secondary Principal's Report - attached

- c. Elementary Principal's Report- attached
- d. Athletic Director's Report-attached

8. Financial Reports.

a. Approval of bills.

Annette Porter moved to approve the (February) bills as written, supported by Kaszonyi.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Approval of financial report.

Stacey Porter moved to approve the (February) financial report, supported by Kaszonyi.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business.

a. Elementary and Secondary Assessment Data Presentation

Presentation given by Mrs. Benson and Mr. Pyle.

b. Acceptance of Teacher Resignation

Moran moved to accept the resignation of Jayson Raymond, supported by Veihl.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Bank Account Changes

Veihl moved to make a motion to make the following changes to each of the Citizens National Bank accounts listed below:

General Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and remove Annette Porter and add Ronald Jacob Huffman and add Stacey Porter

IMMA Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and add Ronald Jacob Huffman.

Payroll Account: Remove Miranda Horn and remove Annette Porter and add Ronald Jacob Huffman and add Stacey Porter

Aflac Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and add Ronald Jacob Huffman.

School Lunch Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and remove Annette Porter and add Ronald Jacob Huffman and add Stacey Porter.

Debt Retirement Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and add Ronald Jacob Huffman.

Elementary Activity Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and remove Marty Mix and add Ronald Jacob Huffman and add Bryan Pyle.

High School Activity Fund: Remove Miranda Horn and remove Marty Mix and add Ronald Jacob Huffman and add Bryan Pyle.

Supported by Moran. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Veihl moved to make a motion to make the following changes to each of the MILAF accounts listed below:

General MILAF Account: Remove Miranda Horn and add Ronald Jacob Huffman.

Capital MILAF Account (Bond Fund Account): Remove Miranda Horn and add Ronald Jacob Huffman.

Supported by Moran. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. New Committee's

Discussion held on new committee's.

**#1 Extracurricular Committee;** would meet on an as needed basis. Discussion held as to what the responsibilities of this committee would be. Examples: add/remove a club or sport, athletic eligibility issues, oversight of the entire athletic program.

Board members that volunteered for the Extracurricular Committee are Veihl, Kaszonyi and Stacey Porter, along with Mr. Huffman, Steve Watson and a coach (to be added).

Annette Porter moved to add an Extracurricular Committee, supported by Veihl.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**#2 Personnel Committee;** would meet on an as needed basis. Discussion held as to what the responsibilities of this committee would be. Examples: oversight of grievances and discussing personnel issues ect.

Board members that volunteered for the Personnel Committee are Mike Hart, Annette Porter and Moran.

Kaszoniyi moved to add a Personnel Committee, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion held.

**#3 Finance Committee;** would meet before each regular monthly board meeting.

Discussion held as to what the responsibilities of this committee would be.

Board members that volunteered for the Finance Committee are Kaszonyi, Stacey Porter and Moran, along with Danielle Chapman and Jake Huffman.

Moran moved to add a Finance Committee, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kaszoniyi volunteered for the Safety Committee.

Veihl volunteered for the Negotiations Committee.

e. Substitute Pay

*Teachers - \$127.50/day - 7.5 hour day - \$17/hour (Half Days \$68)*

*Paras - \$112.50/day - 7.5 hour day - \$15/hour (Half Days \$60)*

*Secretaries - \$112.50/day - 7.5 hour day - \$15/hour (Half Days \$60)*

*Kitchen/Daycare/Other Non-Full Day Jobs - \$15/hour*

Annette Porter moved to make a motion to accept an increase in substitute pay, supported by Kaszonyi. Discussion held. All in favor- Hart-yes, Moran-yes, Kaszonyi-yes,

Veihl-yes, Annette Porter-yes and Stacey Porter-yes. Kowalski- No. Motion carried.

f. Principal Contracts

Hart made a motion to approve a 3 year principal contract for Elementary and Secondary Principals, supported by Annette Porter.

Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. Special Education Coordinator Contract

Veihl moved to accept the Special Education Coordinator Contract, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

h. Interim Superintendent Contract

Moran moved to approve the Interim Superintendent contract as written, supported by Kaszonyi. Roll Call Vote: Kaszonyi- yes, Moran- yes, Kowalski- yes, Veihl- yes, Annette Porter- yes, Stacey Porter- yes and Hart- yes.

i. Pay range for Superintendent Job Posting

Discussion held.

Veihl moved to make a motion to approve a range of \$120-140 thousand yearly, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Moran-None

Kaszonyi-Excited to bring positive change and is happy with the crew we have here.

Kowalski- Appreciates the efforts of Mr. Pyle and Mrs. Benson.

Veihl- Wants to revisit a "bullying paper trail". Would like to see a rough draft drawn up to show the chain of command for each of these types of occurrences.

Stacey Porter-None

Annette Porter-None

Hart- "Thank you Jake for stepping up". Mike would also like to set 3 goals for administration so we have an end result to evaluate them on.

11. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Collin Hoffmeyer presented to the board. No action taken.

Kay Schnabel presented to the board. No action taken.

Jocelyn Bergstedt presented to the board. No action taken.

12. Adjournment.

Annette Porter moved to adjourn at 9:09p.m., supported by Kowalski. All in favor. Motion carried.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Hart  
Lorrie Kowalski  
Annette Porter  
Thomas Moran  
Lain Veihl

ADMINISTRATION

Jake Huffman, Interim Superintendent  
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal  
Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

Stacey Porter  
John Kaszonyi

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