

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MINUTES
February 4, 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 February 4th, 2025.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Present: Hart, Kowalski, Annette Porter, Stacey Porter, Moran and Veihl
Absent: None

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Citizens Present Public Comment Time - For Agenda Items Only.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Jocelyn Bergstedt presented to the board. No action taken.

6. Information Items.

- a. Superintendent's Update-attached

7. Special Board Business.

- a. Posting of Board Member Vacancy through February 17, 2025.
Potential Interviews at Special Meeting February 18, 2025.
Discussion held regarding dates for interviews of potential candidates. The Board changed the vacancy open through February 17, 2025 and will hold interviews at a special meeting scheduled February 18, 2025 at 6:00 pm. This change was necessary due to the schedules of multiple board members.
- b. Board Resolution call for Special School Election on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Approve Ballot Language. Read by Dan Bauer, attached.

WHEREAS:

1. *In the opinion of this Board it is necessary and expedient to ask voters whether to approve a bond project consisting of partially remodeling, equipping, and re-equipping the school building, including for heating, cooling, ventilation, and control systems, with electrical and natural gas systems to support the HVAC replacement; and preparing, developing, and improving the site.*
2. *This Board estimates the necessary cost of the project to be Ten Million Three Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Ninety-Four Dollars (\$10,363,094).*
3. *It will be necessary for the District to borrow the sum of Ten Million Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$10,290,000) and issue the bonds of the District therefore, the remaining funds to be derived from the investment of the bond proceeds.*
4. *This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.*
5. *On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.*
2. *The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.*
3. *The Election Coordinator is requested to:*
 - a. *Utilize Presque Isle Advance, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.*
 - b. *Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.*
 - c. *Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.*
4. *This Board estimates the period of usefulness of the improvements for which bonds of the District in the amount of Ten Million Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$10,290,000) are to be issued to be not less than twenty-one (21) years.*
5. *The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.*

6. *All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.*

Moran moved to approve the board resolution, supported by Veihl.

Discussion held.

Roll call vote:

Moran-yes, Kowalski-yes, Veihl-yes, Stacey Porter-yes, Annette Porter-yes, Hart-yes. "O.K., we will move forward again as we have in the past with this."

- c. Superintendent Search Discussion, Tim Hall, MASB - attached
 - i. Interim Supt April - June
 - ii. Permanent Supt

- 8. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Karen Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Kay Schnabel presented to the board. No action taken.
Dan Bauer addressed the board.

- 9. Board Member Comments/Correspondence.

Veihl- Follow up from last week, asking for some movement on "bullying" policy by the next meeting.
Moran- Asked for clarification on cost for the MASB training/workshops/ Superintendent search.
Kowalski- None
Annette Porter- Asked Veihl to read a text he received from a former Board member.
Stacey Porter- None
Hart- None

- 10. Board Workshop; Superintendent Evaluation Training, Tim Hall MASB- attached.

President Hart requested a break at 7:20 and will adjourn at 7:25pm.

11. Adjournment.

Kowalski moved to adjourn at 8:39pm., supported by Stacey Porter. All in favor.
Motion carried.


Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

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