

**ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2023**

Call to order.

A regular meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District Board of Education was held in the Media Center. Called to Order by President, James Rieger at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call.

Present: Kowalski, Palmer, Porter, Hart, Rieger, Chaskey

Absent: Veal

Approval of minutes.

Chaskey moved to approve the March 14th regular meeting minutes, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda.

Palmer moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Information items.

Superintendent – Mindy Horn- You have a packet on Seventeen Michigan Career Clusters. I wanted to bring to you tonight what our plans are and what we're working on right now in terms of CTE, Career, and Technical Education classes. Currently, in Michigan, there are seventeen areas, career clusters they call them, that are approved CTE areas. Currently, you can do things outside of these career clusters, but they won't be reimbursable by the state of Michigan, so at this point, we are focusing on reimbursable programming. On the second page, what you'll see is a map of all the Districts and CHAREM ISD, Charlevoix, and Emmet, so that our neighboring intermediate school district. CHAREM, as an ISD carries a CTE mileage, that means in addition to any funding that they get from the state of Michigan, they also get reimbursement for their districts through a mileage. Each district has different areas that they specialize in. Everybody doesn't have construction; everybody doesn't have health sciences. They have an agreement within their ISD that regardless of what your home school is, you can go to a neighboring district for their trades. For example, Pellston and Alanson have a very robust aviation program. That is something pretty exclusive to them, with them having an airport in their backyard. So, if a student is interested in that, say they are from Boyne City, they can attend one of these neighboring districts.

What we've been working on for a little over a year now at COP is developing a similar map like this with the districts in our ISD. Right now, Cheboygan Schools has a very strong CTE program. They have a really strong food service program. They run their own restaurant within the school. They've got some trades programming. Gaylord has some very strong CTE programs, but then again, you have two districts that are much larger districts. They bring a lot more numbers, sheer size to these programming than most of our other districts do. Inland Lakes, last year, piloted a power sports program in conjunction with the power sports group Extreme Sports. We've been tossing around what could we do and what could work for us. I had an opportunity, about a month now, to go down and meet with Mr. Moran at Moran Iron Works. I was showing this to him and asking. In my mind, I thought for sure he

would say welding. He said I don't need welders; I train my own welders. When we got on the floor, he said actually, if I see the flare of a weld going off, something went wrong. It's all computerized now. He said I need computer people, because everything is being cut out by the machines. If the machine breaks down or something goes wrong, then someone has to do it by hand. I was surprised to hear him say that I need people with a computer background.

Michigan Works that's the expertise she brings to us is a Health Sciences program. We have a syllabus in place. We've worked with Cheboygan life support, and starting in the fall, we will be offering a basic Ems life support class. It will generate initial certification for kids who go through the program. Then Jeanie, in talking with Michigan Works has, said that there are a number of paid internship programs for kids who have these certifications. That's what our application was to the state this past semester to start a health sciences program. We are going to do one thing at a time, we can't have everything all at once, but I do know Cheboygan Hospital has also reached out and said anyone with that basic level of certification has a job with us right now because they are hurting. We are hopeful that if we can get them that basic level, we can then work with ACC in particular to do the two-year nursing program. We can get them almost completely through a two-year program through a dual enrollment agreement, and that's at no cost to the kids.

Another program that is on the back burner but I am hoping to roll out possibly the second semester of next year would be an Education and Child Development Program. Again, you know we don't have much for Daycare in our areas, which is why we opened the Cardinal Beginnings. We could offer a program. We have a building full of certified professional teachers, professionals, in the field. We could offer this type of program where kids are placed in the Daycare, and kids are placed in the classroom. Kids get their child development required hours in. They could potentially graduate with enough hours to be operating a daycare to be a lead teacher in a daycare setting, to go on if they wanted to go into the field of education. That's our base level right now.

IT and computer sciences are something in the future for us. We have to look and see how that would look here and what certification we would need because that's such an open field. There's programming. There's coding, and there's robotics and 3D printing. As always, architecture and construction would be an area for us too. I put that last on there not because it's last on the priority but because it is so tool intensive. It offers the highest cost to us as a district to run. We would want to make sure we have enough interest to fulfill those courses. I just want to get this on your mind because this is what we've really been pushing and really been working on for the last year.

We meet once a month at the ISD a representative from each school district, and this is on the agenda every month. Developing this map, what is it going to look like for your district? I'm trying to scramble right now and grab those pieces that apply to us quickly before another school jumps on them. We were in a meeting yesterday, and a comment was made by a neighboring district that they are not interested in CTE right now. We are, so we're going to add that to the list. The remainder of these items are just informational pieces to let you know what the projections are for jobs for earnings in the near future to give you an idea of why we're focusing on the things we are right now and what the job market looks like.

The last page really stood out to me, we had a presentation by the CTE director at CHAREM a couple of months, and this really struck me. There are 52 or 54 ISDs in the state. Of all the ISDs in the state, we are 5th on the list for taxable value per student. I just assumed that all of our downstate ISDs would have more value per student because of the sheer size but the truth in the matter is when they got digging into these numbers. We have so much vacation property, non-homestead property, second homes, and hunting land, and per student spread over fewer students, the value per student is higher than, obviously CHAREM is number one on that list but higher than almost every other ISD in the area. I thought it's about time that we take advantage of that resource and return something to our kids, so that is what we're pushing for right now. If all goes as planned, we expect to start the health class in the fall and were going to continue to add and build from there. Each one is a semester-long application process. You have to submit your syllabus to the state, they have to approve it, and from there, you get started. Just to give you an idea of what we're working on right now and how to go forward with that.

Elementary -Robin Benson- Attached.

Secondary/Athletic Report – Marty Mix-Attached.

Staff Report – Kitchen-Attached. Robotics Presentation.

Correspondence – Letter from Awakon. They ran a reading contest and awarded the winner with \$100 deposit into their account.

Health Center Update –None.

Yearly Goal Update – Attached.

Financial Reports.

Approval of bills.

Chaskey moved to approve the bills for March as presented, support by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of financial report.

Chaskey moved to approve the financial report for March as presented, supported by Palmer. All in favor, Motion carried.

Regular Business.

Porter moved to approve conference expenses for Mindy to attend the upcoming MSBO conference, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Palmer moved to adjust the allotted time for Citizens' Comment from 5 minutes to 3 minutes, supported by Chaskey. In favor: Palmer, Kowalski, Rieger, and Chaskey. Opposed: Hart and Porter. Motion carried.

President Rieger-The Board decides to join the lawsuit on the terms specified in the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract. The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent or designee to sign the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the school and to take such other action as necessary to obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the school in the lawsuit, subject to review by the school's legal counsel.

Kowalski moved to adopt the resolution as read by President Rieger, supported by Hart. Discussion held. In favor: Hart and Porter. Opposed: Chaskey, Kowalski, Palmer, and Rieger. Motion failed.

SiteLogiq Presentation.

Board Governance:

Rieger- The sound system has been ordered and when it gets here it will be installed for all of us here.

Chaskey- Discussion held on Chaskey's request to view first semester gradebooks with names crossed out. President Rieger- I'll reach out to Thrun and see what legally can be done.

Porter- Discussion held on revisiting the lawsuit that was just voted on and issues brought up by other Board members.

Palmer- Voiced concerns regarding bus issues. Discussion held on Board credentials. Also asked Chairman Rieger to discuss with Thrun if it is a union issue to implement bringing drug testing into play.

Palmer moved to amend policy 2101 and 3105 to provide entry credentials to the Board members to be able to enter the school (without being granted keys and fobs) for purpose of oversight anytime the school is open by being beeped in by building secretaries, supported by Chaskey. Discussion held. In favor: Chaskey, Rieger, Plamer, and Kowalski. Opposed: Hart and Porter. Motion carried.

Kowalski- Discussion held on adding cheerleading as a sport.

Hart- None.

Citizens Present/Time

Les Nixon Presented to the Board. No action was taken.

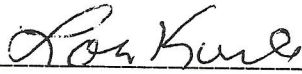
Ross Nave Presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Sally Schaar presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Palmer moved to adjourn at 9:47 p.m., supported by Chaskey.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Lorrie Kowalski

Mindy Horn, Interim Superintendent

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Mike Hart

Robin Benson, Elementary

Principal

Annette Porter

Jeremy Veal

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Erin Chaskey

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