

**ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

October 8, 2024

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 James Rieger at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Present: Kowalski, Palmer, Porter, Hart, Veal, Bonnard and Rieger
Absent:

4. Approval of minutes for regular/special meetings.

- a. Hart moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2024, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda.

Hart moved to approve the agenda as written, supported by Bonnard. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

None.

7. Information Items.

- a. **Interim Superintendent Report** – Dan Bauer- Attached.
 - i. I. Michigan's Top 10.
 - ii. Building Blocks of High Performing Schools.
- b. **Library Media Specialist's Report**- Faith Robins.
- c. **Elementary Principal's Report**- Robin Benson-Attached.

d. Secondary Principal's Report- Bryan Pyle- Attached.

e. Athletic Report- Steve Watson- Attached. (Report included in Bryan Pyle's secondary principal's report.)

f. Transportation Supervisor Report- Karen McDonald- Attached.

8. Financial Reports.

a. Approval of Bills.

Hart moved to accept the bills (for September) as presented, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Financial Report.

Bonnard moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, supported by Palmer. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business.

a. 2024-25 Elementary and Secondary Course Catalogs.

Hart moved (to approve) the 2024-2025 course catalog for the elementary, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veal moved (to approve) the 2024-2025 Secondary Course Catalog, supported by Bonnard. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. High School CTE & College Opportunities.

Presentation by Secondary Principal Bryan Pyle explaining CTE and EMC (Early Middle College) opportunities.

c. Potential 2025 Bond Project Update.

Presentation by Dan Bauer and John Kaszonyi on the potential 2025 Bond project.

d. Former Employee Early Sick Leave Payout.

Veal moved to pay April Bently her sick days in one lump sum, supported by Palmer. Discussion held.

Veal moved to amend his previous motion to insert for hardship at the end of the motion: (to pay April Bentley her sick days in one lump for hardship), supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

e. Change to Board Policy 5418, Changing a Grade.

Hart moved (to amend Board Policy 5418 to state: A student's final grade cannot be changed without the teacher, principal, and superintendent's approval. All signatures are required before changing a student's final grade). Supported by Bonnard. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence.

Palmer- This could be the last meeting of this current Board. Would like to say thanks to everyone for letting him serve. Acknowledged Robin and Bryan for their hard work. Acknowledged Dan for the change in atmosphere.

Kowalski- None.

Porter- None.

Hart- None.

Veal- Acknowledged previous employees for doing a great job in bringing our school to a 21 percent fund balance.

Bonnard- None.

Rieger- None.

11. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Les Nixon- I will defer my comments, Mr. Chairmen.

Lain Veihl presented to the Board. No action taken.

Kay presented to the Board. No action taken.

President Rieger called for a 5-minute recess at 9:12.

President Rieger reconvened the meeting at 9:17.

12. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing Attorney/Client Privileged Information and Superintendent Evaluation.

Palmer moved to enter into closed session at 9:18 for the purpose of: Attorney/Client Privileged Information; (consultation with school attorney to discuss pending litigation, Miranda Horn v. Board of Education, Onaway Area Community Schools), and Superintendent Evaluation, supported by Hart. All in favor. (Kowalski aye, Palmer- aye, Porter-aye, Hart-aye, Rieger- aye, Veal-aye, and Bonnard- aye) Motion carried.

13. Open Session.

Hart moved (to enter into open session at 10:24), supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment.

Hart moved to adjourn at 10:24, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.



Secretary, Board of Education

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Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal

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