

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2024 - 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 7:00 pm on December 10, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

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

4. Approval of minutes for regular/special meetings.

a. November 12, 2024 Regular meeting minutes

Annette Porter moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 12, 2024, supported by S. Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. November 26, 2024 Special meeting minutes.

Veal moved to approve the special meeting minutes from November 26, 2024, supported Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the Updated Agenda.

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

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

Erin Chaskey presented to the board. No action taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Les Nixon presented to the board. No action taken.

7. Information Items.

a. Superintendent Report. - Attached

Mr. Bauer invited all board members and attendees help themselves to the refreshments and snacks provided for the Holiday Board Meeting.

b. Elementary Principal's Report. - Attached

Mrs. Benson thanked staff for a successful Book Fair with a special thanks to Tina Robbins and Shannon Furst.

Successful Family Movie Night hosted by the band and the library last Friday.

Upcoming Events: Pancakes with Santa and the Elementary Christmas program.

c. Onablocks Lego League Presentation (5-6th grade)

The Lego League gave an amazing presentation and demonstration tonight.

d. Secondary Principal's Report. - Attached

Veihl thanked Bryan and Robin for coaching/supporting the Robotics Club.

e. Athletic Director's Report. - Attached (Presented by Mr Pyle)

8. Financial Reports.

a. Approval of bills.

Veihl moved to accept the November bills as written, supported by Moran.

All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Approval of financial report.

Moran moved to approve the Financial Report for November as written, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business.

a. Election of a Board Vice President.

Discussion held.

President Hart calls for nominations for the vacant Board Vice President seat.

A. Porter nominated Veal.

Moran nominated Veihl.

Veihl nominated Moran.

Moran motioned to close the nomination for Vice President supported by Veihl.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion held.

Veal and Veihl declined their nominations.

Hart- that leaves one person then. OK, is there any more discussion involved in that?

Alright, we'll go around the table and vote for who you wish.

Roll Call Vote:

Moran - Abstain

Veal - Moran

Kowalski - Moran

Veihl - Moran

S. Porter - Moran

A. Porter - Moran

Hart- Moran

Hart- Welcome Vice Chair

b. HVAC Construction Bond Project Update

i. Updated Project Timeline- Attached

Mr Bauer is very pleased with the ideas Clark Construction is coming up with and explained the updated timeline for the project.

ii. Resolution to call for the election in May of 2025.

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

c. Discussion of Committee Assignments - Policy Committee

Discussion was held regarding the need for a finance committee, along with other suggested committees and sub-committees.

Hart asked if anyone would like to join the committee with Kowlaski (committee chair). Veihl and S. Porter will join Kowalski on Policy until the January organizational meeting. Kowalski said Colleen Sedell is still serving on this committee as a citizen (so is Kathy Christian but she is not present). Taed Price also agreed to return to the committee as a citizen.

d. Board Governance Workshop Date

Discussion held about dates that work. January 7th at 6pm tentatively set. Bauer will confirm.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence -

Hart- FOIA requested clarification on the FOIA. Bauer provided this information.

Veihl- None

Annette Porter-

Stacey Porter- None

Moran- None

Veal- None

Kowalski- None

11. Citizens Present Public Comment Time

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Les Nixon presented to the board. No action taken.

John Kaszonyi presented to the board. No action taken.

On behalf of my Brothers (Knights of Columbus 7786) I would like to present the school district with this check for \$603.60 to use at your discretion for your special education children.

Bob Lyons presented to the board. No action taken.

Scott Hill presented to the board. No action taken.

12. Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Attorney/Client Privileged Information with the school's attorney virtually regarding the pending arbitration case with the former superintendent.

Motion made by Moran to enter closed session at 8:25pm, supported by Kowalski. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hart called for a 5 minute recess at 8:25pm with a closed session to follow.

Closed session called to order by President Mike Hart at 8:36 pm.

13. Open Session

A. Porter moved to enter into open session at 10:02pm, supported by Moran. All in favor.
Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

A. Porter moved to adjourn at 10:03pm, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

ADMINISTRATION

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

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