

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**Roll Call.**

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

Absent:

**Approval of minutes.**

Chaskey moved to approve the June 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of agenda.**

Chaskey moved to add a request to have, just because it seems to be a lot, the curriculum committee separate than the policy committee. So that way we can distinguish and get through things faster (added as item F under regular business). Also, we've had two of our members on the curriculum committee of the community that haven't attended the last three or four (item G added under regular business for discussion on removal of committee members that have not shown up), supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veal moved to approve the amended agenda as presented., supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Information items.**

**Superintendent** – Mindy Horn- Just getting to that point in the summer where things are wrapping up from last year and moving to this year. Summer school for little kids started today and will run for the next five weeks. If all kids come, we will have 37 kids which is a high number for us.

Just want to acknowledge a very nice donation we've received. Karol Dunston, a lot of you will remember her. She taught here for 30 years when she retired. Her children donated her piano to us, to our program. They were able to go get that yesterday. It is a very nice piano, and they were thrilled that it was here, that this is where it landed. Just wanted to acknowledge that donation.

We did have the class of 1973 reunion here last Friday; they've presented to you before about their time- capsule. This Friday, we will have the Michigan Outback replay. It is a group that bikes across the state, and they stop in several different places. They've stopped here before. They are going to be camping on our grounds on Friday and using our bathrooms and locker rooms. Johns worked with them, outstanding group, you would never even know they were here. They clean up after themselves. They are usually up and on the road at 6-6:30 in the morning as part of their biking. It is nice to be able to offer them that. So, if you come up Thursday night and see a bunch of tents and wonder what's going on, that's who it is.

### **Board Correspondence:**

Kowalski- None.

Palmer- None.

Porter- Discussed board member ethics and not receiving emails.

Hart- None.

Veal- Discussion held on where messages are being sent and who is/ isn't receiving the emails.

Chaskey- None.

Rieger-None.

**Elementary** -Robin Benson- None.

**Secondary/Athletic Report** – Marty Mix-None.

**Staff Report** - None.

**Health Center Update** – None.

**Yearly Goal Update** – Being set tonight.

### **Financial Reports.**

#### **Approval of bills.**

Chaskey moved to approve the bills for June as presented, support by Veal. Discussion held. Chaskey, Veal, Hart, Palmer, Kowalski, and Rieger in favor. Porter opposed. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of financial report.**

Veal moved to approve the financial report for June as presented, supported by Hart. All in favor, Motion carried.

### **Regular Business.**

**President Rieger-** The Onaway Area Community Schools Board of Education takes the following action:(1) Resolves to apply for preliminary qualification of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing the school construction description in this application. (2) That said application is presented to the State Treasurer for action prior to the official action of the Board of Education calling the election on said bond issue. (3) Resolves that this Board of

Education will present a final qualification application to the State Treasurer for qualification of their bonds after this bond issue has been approved by the electors of said district. (4) Read this application and approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of the Board. (5) Authorizes the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign this Preliminary Application and submit same to the State Treasurer for review and approval.

Chaskey moved to approve the resolution as ready by President Rieger, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veal moved to accept the resignations of Joe Rundell and Collin Hoffmeyer with thanks for their service, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hart moved to approve the Business Manager and Superintendent's Secretary contracts as recommended by the Negotiations Committee, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veal moved to review and adopt the proposed 2023-24 goals after review and discussion, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chaskey moved to split the policy committee and the curriculum committee into two different groups, supported by Kowalski. Discussion held. No vote taken. (It was determined a motion was not necessary to split the committee.)

President Rieger split the policy/curriculum committee into two different groups with the same board members, only covering one item at a time.

Discussion held on removing community members from the Policy/ Curriculum Committee who have not been present at the policy/curriculum committee meetings. President Rieger is going to work on identifying and appointing new committee members.

### **Citizens Present/Time**

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.

Max Boettger presented to the Board. No action taken.

Cathy Christian presented to the Board. No action taken.

### **Adjournment**

Hart moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m., supported by Chaskey.



Secretary, Board of Education

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION**

James Rieger, President

Mindy Horn, Superintendent

Erin Chaskey, Vice-President

Marty Mix, Secondary Principal/ AD

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Mike Hart, Trustee

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