

**ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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 7:05 p.m. on February 14, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call.

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

Absent:

Approval of minutes.

Palmer moved to approve the January 4th special meeting minutes, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

Palmer moved to approve the January 4th closed meeting minutes, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda.

Chaskey moved to strike items 9 a and b from the agenda until next month, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Information items.

Superintendent – Mindy Horn- New Board Member Orientation: Our district goals are broken down into governance, operations, finance and property, curriculum, staff, student, and community relations. Within that tonight, we are going to look at governance, operations, finance, and property. The Curriculum Committee started meeting in October 2016. The old policy manual had sections 1,000-9,000. We started at 1,000 and ended up all the way at 7,000 by the time we were done and realized there were so many outdated things in the policy manual that didn't match the law anymore, didn't match practices, things we didn't even have. One of the things we looked at was Neola's policy packages. At the September 2019 meeting, the Board had discussed that, and no action was taken at that time. Then in May and June, we started looking at Thrun's policy package. Thrun was our District Council, and they had come out with their own policy package. Last year in March, I brought it up in a meeting again, so the Board voted to adopt their policy package in March of 2022. We presented it over a series of meetings. Our goal was

to try and get it reviewed, if at all possible before school started so it would be active when school started. Then, the new policy package was formally adopted at the August regular meeting.

Next on our Board goals, that governance section is really a huge focus for the board. So, we have policy, communication, and board development. By now, you have a good handle on my forms of communication. Almost without fail, every Friday, I send a weekly update to you as board members. I also include a preview of what I know to be on the agenda for the next two months for board meetings. It gives you an opportunity to know what's coming and any questions you have. You also get your packet prior to the meeting. And, of course, additional updates as needed.

Board Development MASB came in and did their new member orientation for you on December 12th. They also offer ongoing training for you, and something new that we haven't had in the past is on the agenda for tonight under regular business. They will reimburse you up to \$100 toward the cost of those trainings and most trainings are \$100 or less. Also, something to be aware of, they are going to provide training for you at next month's regular meeting for the Superintendents' evaluation. You are required to have that training in order to evaluate me. Please note the next regular meeting will start at 6 P.M. to allow time for that.

We do our goal-setting in the summertime, usually in July. Next under goals are operations, finance, and property. Maybe when we get into April or May, we can have some workshops on finance to help everyone get a handle on revenues and expenses and what to expect. Our fiscal year runs July 1st-June 30th. It has been an issue for schools forever. The only way not to have to this issue is to not collect summer taxes. The state's budget for education doesn't start until October 1. So, we're starting on July 1, but then we go through those months without any state aid. Even when it does come, it comes in 1/12th increments, so it takes a little bit of time to catch back up. At the end of the year, we have to approve a final yearend budget. That has to be due by June 30. We meet on the fourth Tuesday in June to approve the final budget for this year and an initial budget for next year.

The facility plan has obviously been a very big piece of what we've been doing lately. We brought in SiteLogiq to go from rooftop to blacktop. They're exploring potential bond referendum process. Even if that doesn't happen, they are still giving us recommendations on funding sources and what needs to be prioritized. We know the HVAC is the issue. They've now reached the point where they are talking dollars.

Maintenance, Transportation, and Food Service- The goals in those three areas change from year to year. In Maintenance, our goal is always to have enough second shift on the crew. I'm reaching out to some nearby Districts. I know they do some subcontracting, and I'd like to at least take a look at it. It might be the option we need to take now because it is becoming increasingly difficult to staff it. Transportation our goal was to consolidate some of our bus routes. We have consolidated from five routes to four. This year we didn't set a goal for food service. That may change next year.

The equipment and technology breakdown. We've been very fortunate to receive grant money outside of ESSER funds over the years. Right now, Barry's number one priority is security. Last week many schools downstate again were the victim of what they call swatting. There's cyber hacking where they come in and get into your student data account, and then they try to basically sell it back to you. We are in a very good position for student devices. We still have the 250 laptops that were grant funded. We were able to secure 250 more laptops. As far as instructional tools, you're familiar with the T. V's now. We've been using the projectors from the ceiling. It's to the point now we're buying the bulb is the cost of the projector. We're going to get away from those and move to these televisions. We can get a setup like this for \$1,500. There's always ongoing work on our website. Barry had the website host put the pages in there. We haven't filled the pages yet. That is our summer project. On our website, on the home page, you will see a little box popup called transparency reporting. Please go there because all required pieces for a district are there and they are current. Gives you an idea on everything from budgets down to fire drills.

Elementary -Robin Benson- Attached.

Secondary/Athletic Report – Marty Mix-Attached.

Student Representative Report- None.

Staff Report – Transportation-Attached.

Correspondence –Received letter from MASB candidate from region 2 to introduce himself.

Health Center Update –Attached.

Yearly Goal Update – Attached.

Jeanie Fleury- Unable to attend the meeting to give her update.

Citizens Present/Time –

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

Sharon Lyon decided not to present to the Board today.

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

Taed T. A. Price presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Karleen Johnson presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Tanya Salata presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Kathy Christin decided not to present to the Board. No action was taken.

Max Boettger presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Regular Business.

Hart moved to designate the Superintendent's Secretary (Abby Dandy) as the district employee authorized to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act, supported by Veal. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veal moved to accept the resignations of Rick Price and Bryan Pyle from football coaching, supported by Porter. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chaskey moved to hire Dan Betke as the Middle School track coach, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

Porter moved to reimburse Jim Rieger \$100 for a Board training course he has taken, supported by Hart. Rieger recused. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Chaskey moved to decline to select any of the candidates for the MASB board as presented, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Return to In-Person Learning & Continuity of Services Plan was reviewed.

Palmer moved to consider Kallman Law Firm for our District legal representation and set a special meeting for them to present themselves on February 27th at 5 p.m., supported by Kowalski. Discussion held. Palmer: Chair, call to question. Chair: Question has been called; no more discussion. We will vote, roll call vote. Chaskey-yes. Veal-no. Vermilya: I rise to the question of privilege, Mr. Chairman. Chairman: No. Vermilya: Motion to close discussion requires 2/3 vote. You're not voting on the meeting. Chairman: We just called to question; we don't need a 2/3 vote. Kowalski-yes. Palmer- yes. Porter: What are we voting on? Chairman: To have a special meeting on the 27th. Porter- no. Hart- no. Rieger- yes. Motion carried.

Board Governance.

Kowalski- No comment.

Palmer- Voiced concerns from citizens regarding vaping and dress code.

Porter- No comment

Hart- No comment

Veal- No comment.

Chaskey- Voiced concerns about the way the Board has been treated.

Adjournment.

Palmer moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m., supported by Chaskey.



Secretary, Board of Education

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Lorrie Kowalski	Mindy Horn, Interim Superintendent
James Rieger	Marty Mix, Secondary Principal
Mike Hart	Robin Benson, Elementary
Principal	
Annette Porter	
Jeremy Veal	
John Palmer	
Erin Chaskey	

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