



OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Board of Education Agenda

Budget Hearing

June 25, 2025

5:30 pm

(Regular Board Meeting Immediately Following Budget Hearing)

Washington Campus Gymnasium

645 Alger St

Owosso, Michigan 48867

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

4. For Information

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5. Adjournment

BOARD GUARANTEE (Adopted May 2006)

We have been elected by the members of our community and choose to serve our fellow citizens to deliver the best possible programs and services to our children.

Therefore, we guarantee that:

We will serve with pride. We have been given the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and the quality of life in our community, and we are proud to accept that challenge.

We will treat students, parents, citizens, staff and fellow board members with dignity and respect.

We will be informed, knowledgeable and prepared before making decisions that affect the education of students. We will stay up-to-date so that our decisions will be based on the most recent information. We will model our belief that learning is a lifelong process.

We will do our part to work as a team with administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, students and citizens so that the entire learning atmosphere of our school will be one of warmth and caring. We will do this by becoming a part of district committees such as cross-functional, professional governance council (PGC) and many more.

We will maintain the policy making role of the Board and represent this to the constituents of the district by informal communications and referral to the proper channels for consideration of concerns and suggestions.

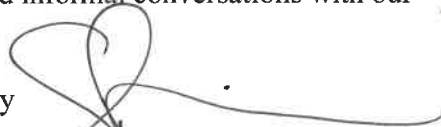
We will be enthusiastic and energetic in our support of the work in our schools by students, staff and volunteers. We will model this behavior by attending school sponsored events and working toward board certification through class work.

We will represent and reflect all segments of the community and base our decisions on sound policy and ethical principle that is in the best interest of all students. We will do this by basing our decisions on data and survey work on an annual basis. We will also take the time to have formal and informal conversations with our community.

Marlene Webster
President



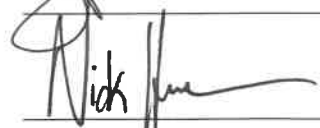
Shelly Ochodnicky
Vice President



Olga Quick
Treasurer



Nick Henne
Secretary



Rick Mowen
Trustee



Adam Easlick
Trustee



John Pappas
Trustee



Board Guarantee check points will run in conjunction with the Superintendent dialogue sessions.



BOARD OF EDUCATION NORMS

**As Owosso Public Schools Board Members,
we will:**

- Put students first in all decisions and actions.
- Communicate respectfully, honestly, and in a timely manner.
- Come prepared for all meetings and discussions.
- Be committed to the mission and vision of the district.
- Act as a unified board once decisions are made.
- Be punctual and courteous, and notify others if we will be absent.
- Avoid surprises by keeping each other informed.



Public Participation at Board Meetings Statement

The Board of Education is a public body and recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues. Time has been included in the meeting's agenda for public participation. Members of the audience are reminded that they should announce their name and group affiliation when applicable and to limit their participation time to three minutes or less. Comments should be directed to the Board and be relevant to the business of the Board of Education. This is not an opportunity for dialogue with the Board of Education. The rules of common courtesy should also be observed.

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting – BUDGET HEARING
June 25, 2025
Report 24-145

FOR INFORMATION

Subject:

Public Budget Hearing

Recommendation:

Recommend that the Board of Education officially hold a budget hearing disclosing the proposed millage that supports the budget resolutions being asked to be approved by the Board for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

The purpose is to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Education and the Board of Education by holding a public hearing prior to adoption of the 2025-26 budget. This hearing must be held before the adoption of the budget and shall include the topic of the proposed property tax millage rate. A notice has been published in the paper that the budget would be discussed at this meeting as well as the millage that supports the budget. A signed affidavit to this effect will be received from the Argus Press, the paper of general circulation utilized for the notification.

Facts/Statistics:

- The Board of Education must hold a public hearing on its budget prior to adoption. Taxation issues, including millage rates, will be a subject discussed during this hearing. Specifically addressed will be the *Headlee* Amendment and the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Truth in Taxation, section 16).
- The purpose of the *Headlee* amendment is to protect Michigan taxpayers against excessive state and local taxation. *Headlee* requires voter approval of any new or increased local tax, **and contains a special limit on property tax increases caused by property tax assessment growth.**
- This year the *Headlee* amendment will not result in roll-back since the millage reduction factor (MRF) calculation resulted in a factor of 1.0. The approved operating millage will be the same as last year of 18.1020. However, since the District may not, by law, levy a millage in excess of 18.0000 mills, the District may still only levy the full 18 operating mills on eligible property.
- Truth in Taxation states that a district is not allowed to collect more in taxes than 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, without a public hearing. The millage rates that are imposed by the school district must be adjusted accordingly.
- The voters passed a bond in November of 2017 for which the seventh assessment will take place in December of 2025. The calculated millage to service the date has been calculated at 4.70 mills.
- In summary the following millage rates will be considered approved and assessed on eligible property for the Winter tax assessment in support of the 2025-26 proposed expenditures:
 - Operating millage (renewed in May of 2013)– **6.000 mills** for commercial personal property, **18.0000 mills** for all others
 - Debt Millage – **4.7000** mills (approved by voters in November of 2017)

LIMITED TAX PLEDGE NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the Board of Education of Owosso Public Schools, Shiawassee County, Michigan.

At said meeting, the Board of Education will consider for approval its proposed State Aid Note. The proposed State Aid Note (General Obligation - Limited Tax), if issued, will contain the limited tax full faith and credit pledge of Owosso Public Schools, Shiawassee County, Michigan.

DATE OF MEETING: June 25, 2025

PLACE OF MEETING: Washington Campus Gymnasium,
645 Alger St.
Owosso, MI 48867

HOUR OF MEETING: 5:30 o'clock, p.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION: 989-723-8131

BOARD MINUTES ARE
LOCATED AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION: 645 Alger Street, Owosso, MI 48867



Nick Henne, Secretary

Board of Education

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF Shiawassee)

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she posted the public notice attached hereto at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the below-referenced meeting of the Board of Education of Owosso Public Schools, Shiawassee County, Michigan, held on:

DATE OF MEETING: June 25, 2025
HOOR OF MEETING: 5:30 o'clock, p.m.
PLACE OF POSTING NOTICE: owosso.k12.mi.us
 645 Alger St, Owosso, MI 48867


(Signature)
Stephanie Goetzinger
(Print Name)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in Shiawassee County, Michigan, on the 17th day of June, 2025.
Carrie L. Yoho
_____, Notary Public
State of Michigan, County of Shiawassee
My commission expires: 9-7-2027
Acting in the County of Shiawassee



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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Please take notice that the Owosso Public Schools Board of Education will be holding a regularly scheduled regular Board Meeting immediately following a Budget Hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. The meeting will take place at 5:35pm, located at the Washington Campus Administration Building, Gymnasium, at 645 Alger St, Owosso, MI 48867.

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

HOUR OF MEETING: 5:35pm

LOCATION OF MEETING: Washington Campus Administration
Building, Gymnasium
645 Alger St, Owosso MI 48867

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

Telephone Number of Principal Office
of Board of Education: 989-723-8131

Board Minutes are located at the
Principal Office of the Board of
Education: 645 Alger St, Owosso MI 48867

Board of Education, President
Owosso Public Schools