

**ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 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 December 12, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call.

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

Absent: Veal

Approval of minutes.

Palmer moved to approve the minutes from November 14 (2023 regular meeting), supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda.

Palmer- Mr. Chair I would like to ask if we can amend the agenda. Information item e, be moved down to regular business d.

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

Information items.

Superintendent Report- Mindy Horn- I have just a couple things to be aware of: our wrestling coach is stranded on Mackinac Island, Joe Traynham. We have it covered; our assistant coach, Dylan Crowe, who is also the football assistant coach, is covering for him in the meantime. We hope it is just a this week kind of thing. What it sounds like to me was the job they were asked to do, got hired to do got held over. Typically, we got Mr. Grant that fills in, not available, so Dylan, who is already an assistant anyway, just so you know, is running a lot of practices right now while Joe is stuck.

No instances this month or investigations for bullying.

I do want to put on your map. We will discuss this at length next month; it will be a regular agenda item for the PA system upgrade. This was something we've discussed at board meeting last year; I think October might be September, but it was in the fall. It is one of the items that we put on our ESSER budget. One of the things that comes out of our safety drills is that there are

zones in the building that we think should be strengthened in terms of what comes over the PA system, and we'd like to be able to add; we call them A la carte items. For example, a strobe light. So that of you on the playground and you can't obviously hear the PA system, you are still aware that something is happening in the building. So, we have out a solicitation of bids on the state website earlier this summer and we got some feedback from the different vendors saying that they could do a better job if we extended the length of our bid, which we did. That was intended to be awarded tonight. We ended up, I want to say Barry said we had eight viable bids. That range anywhere from \$50-\$60,000 to \$185,000. So, Barry has been meeting with many of them, walking the building. I know our resource officer Schmoldt sat in on some of those with him. The issue at why we wanted to take the extra month to look through them, and Barry will be on hand next month to help us answer questions and select a vendor. We don't; this is not one we necessarily want to go with the cheapest person. We want to know who offers us the most additional, those extra A la carte items that would be desirable safety features that would work with our PA system in the event of emergencies. Each vendor has different options and different price points. Some are able to say, "Hey, we can come in right now and do this for you at this price point, and we can offer these things and plan later down the road." Others have said, "Nope, it's all at once." So, Barry is sorting through those things right now to help us make an informed choice, which is why we asked for the extra month to review the bids. He is going to come next month and present all the bids, go through the pros and cons with you, answer questions. We have asked Dave to be here too for that from the safety perspective. So, just so you, that's on your radar; that's coming next month. So, then we want to get started on it so that it will be done by June 30, by the end of the fiscal year.

Elementary Report- Robin Benson- Attached.

Secondary/Athletic Report – Marty Mix-Attached.

Staff Report – School Resource Officer- Attached.

Yearly Goal Update – Attached.

Financial Reports.

Approval of bills.

Chaskey moved to approve the bills (for November) as written, support by Hart. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Approval of financial report.

Chaskey moved to approve the financial report (for November), supported by Hart. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Regular Business.

Chaskey moved to hire Jason Gulley as a Special Education Parapro, supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kowalski moved to pass the labor law package, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on Bond/Milage next steps:

Horn: Big Agenda next month, but next month, our financial advisors PFM will be here to talk to us about packages going forward, financing options, things like that to address the need for an HVAC system.

Board Correspondence:

Chaskey- Acknowledged Matthew, his family, and the funds account set up for them. Discussed setting a date to help youth wrestling set up a Board, setting up a truancy meeting with Judge Vizina and the anti-bullying presentation, ordering Mrs. Dunston's plaque, fixing Lyle and Trudy Dickinson's fence via a class project, COVID funds and making the report accessible online, DIBELS testing accessible at mischooldata.org, ESSER funds and its stipulations and requested to have ethics put on for the next meeting.

Hart- None.

Porter- None.

Palmer-None.

Kowalski-None.

Rieger- None.

Citizens Present/Time:

Max Boettger presented to the Board. No action taken.

Sue Middaugh presented to the Board. No action taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.

Tanya Salata presented to the Board. No action taken.

Roger Sedell presented to the Board. No action taken.

Kathy Christian presented to the Board. No action taken.

Scott Aughney presented to the Board. No action taken.

Adjournment

Hart moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., supported by Palmer.



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