

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
**January 14, 2025 - 7:00 PM**  
Onaway Media Center

1. Call to order.

An organizational meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District's Board of Education was held in the Media Center . Called to order by Superintendent Dan Bauer at 7:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Present: Veal, Veihl, Annette Porter, Stacey Porter, Moran, Kowalski and Hart

4. Election of Officers

a. Nomination of President

Veihl moved to nominate Moran. No support.

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Moran moved to nominate Hart as President, supported by Kowalski.

Roll call vote: Veal-yes Moran-yes , Kowalski-yes , Veihl-yes, Stacey Porter-yes, Annette Porter-yes, Hart-abstain. Motion carried.

b. Nomination of Secretary

Moran moved to nominate Kowalski for Secretary, supported by Veihl.

Roll call vote: Moran-yes , Kowalski-abstain , Veihl-yes , Stacey Porter-yes , Annette Porter- yes, Hart-yes, Veal- yes. Motion carried.

c. Nomination of Treasurer

Moran moved to nominate Annette Porter, supported by Kowalski.

Annette Porter moved to nominate Stacey Porter for Treasurer, supported by Veal.

Discussion held. Annette Porter declined her nomination.

Roll call vote: Kowalski- yes, Veihl-yes , Stacey Porter-abstain , Annette Porter- yes, Hart-yes , Veal-yes , Moran- yes. Motion carried.

d. Nomination of Vice President

Veal moved to nominate Annette Porter for Vice President, supported by Moran.

Veihl moved to nominate Veihl, supported by Kowalski.

Roll call vote to nominate Annette Porter: Veihl- no, Stacey Porter-yes, Annette Porter- abstain , Hart- yes, Veal-yes , Moran-yes , Kowalski-no. Total vote 4 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

5. Approval of minutes for regular/special meetings.

a. December 10, 2024 Regular meeting minutes.

Veihl moved to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. December 10, 2024 Closed meeting minutes.

Stacey Porter moved to approve the closed minutes from December 10, 2024, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Agenda.

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

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

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

8. Information Items.

- a. Superintendent Report. - attached
- b. Elementary Principal's Report. - attached
- c. Secondary Principal's Report. - attached
- d. Athletic Director's Report. - attached (read by Dan Bauer)

9. Financial Reports.

- a. Approval of bills.  
Annette Porter moved to approve the (December) bills as written, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Approval of financial report.  
Stacey Porter moved to approve the financial report (for December) as written, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Regular Business.

- a. Regular and Workshop Meeting Dates.  
Annette Porter moved to designate regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m., and the scheduled workshop is on the 4th Tuesday of June at 7:00p.m., supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Designation of Depositories & Authorization to Sign Payroll, School Service and School Lunch Checks.  
Veihl motioned to remove Annette Porter and add a new Treasurer, Stacey Porter, as a signer to the following accounts at Citizens National Bank; General Fund, School Lunch and Payroll, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Authorization to Sign General Fund Accounts Payable Checks.  
Moran moved to authorize the Superintendent, Business Manager, and Treasurer to sign General Fund Accounts Payable checks, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Authorization to sign Elementary and/or Senior Trust and Agency Checks.  
Veihl moved to remove Marty Mix as a signer and add Bryan Pyle as a signer to the following accounts at Citizens National Bank; High School Activities and Elementary activities, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Board Salaries.  
Veal moved to set salaries at \$40 per month, payable on the first pay cycle of December, supported by Annette Porter. Discussion held.  
Veal motioned to amend motion to \$40 per month, payable on the second pay cycle of December, supported by Annette Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Designation of School Attorneys.  
Stacey Porter moved to designate Thrun Law Firm as the school district attorney, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.



g. Designation of Bond Counsel.

Stacey Porter moved to designate Thrun Law Firm as the school district Bond Counsel, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

h. Committee Appointments.

Negotiation Committee: Discussion held.

Annette Porter motioned to appoint Hart, Moran and Veal to the Negotiation Committee, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

Policy Committee: Discussion held.

Hart motioned to appoint Stacey Porter, Lorrie Kowalski and Lain Veihl to the Policy Committee, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hiring Committee: Discussion held.

Annette Porter motioned to appoint Veihl as primary on the Hiring Committee and Veal as alternate on the Hiring Committee, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee: Discussion held.

Annette Porter motioned to appoint Moran, Stacey Porter and Kowalski to be on the Curriculum Committee, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion held on adding more committees; Safety, Finance, Security, ect.

Safety & Security Committee: Discussion held.

Annette Porter motioned to appoint Stacey Porter, Veal and Veihl to be on the Safety & Security Committee, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

i. Appointment of a Volunteer Board Member as a Representative on the ISD Board.

Annette Porter moved to appoint Veal as a representative to the COPESD Board, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

j. Authorization to post Board meeting notices.

Moran moved to designate the superintendent's secretary as the direct employee authorized to post Board meeting notices under the Open Meetings Act, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

k. Bond Proposal UPDATE for HVAC Replacement & Facilities Improvements - attached.

l. Approval of a five-year Early Middle College (EMC) program of study that requires enrollment in a math or math-related course to be taken in the fifth year for EMC students.

Veihl moves to approve a five-year Early Middle College program, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Veal- None

Moran- Tom Moran thanked Superintendent Bauer for raising the bar on the educational piece of the Principals reports.

Kowalski- None

Veihl- None

Stacey Porter- None

Annette Porter- Annette said that the 3 students that helped with the secondary art teachers accident need to be commended. Dan stated he called parents to let them know how brave these students acted.

Hart- Questioned dates of our fire drills. Dan updated the board of the fire drill schedule: working around frigid temperatures and the SRO out on leave.

## 12. Citizens Present Public Comment Time

Taed Price presented to the board (read by President Hart) . No action taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Discussion held at random on bullying. Whether it is a policy issue vs. a safety/security issue. Dan is going to look into the policy and enforce our "paper trail" policy.

## 13. Adjournment.

Veal moved to adjourn at 9:59 p.m., supported by Annette Porter. 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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