ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026 - 7:00 PM
Onaway Media Center

1. Call to Order

   A regular meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District's Board of Education was held in the Media Center. Called to order by President Annette Porter at 7:00 p.m., on October 13, 2026.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

   Annette Porter - present, Kaszonyi - present, Winfield - present, Wolgast - present, Parr - present
   Stacey Porter - present, Bergstedt - present

4. Approval of minutes
   a. September 22, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting

      Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the minutes for the Committee Meeting from September 22, 2026 supported by Wolgast. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda

   Kaszonyi made a motion to approve the agenda as written, supported by Parr. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizens Present Public Comment Time

   Chad Chapman presented to the board. No action taken.
   Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

7. Information Items
   a. Interim Superintendent Report - Robin Benson
   b. Elementary Report - Robin Benson
   c. Secondary Report - Bryan Pyle
   d. Special Ed Millage Discussion - Jamie Huber

8. Financial Report
   a. Approval of Bills
      Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the (September) bills as written, supported by Winfield.
   b. Approval of Financial Reports
      Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the (September) financial report, supported by Bergstedt. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business
    a. Approval of Course Catalogs
        i. Elementary
        Wolgast made a motion to approve the Elementary Course Catalog, supported by Parr. All in favor. Motion carried.
        ii. Secondary
        Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the Secondary Course Catalog, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.
    b. Approval of PD Days
    Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the 26-27 PD days, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.
    c. Approval of Coach Resignation
    Kaszonyi made a motion to approve the resignation of the Varsity Softball Coach, supported by Bergstedt. All in favor. Motion carried. Kaszonyi thanked him for his years of service.
    d. Approval of Custodian Hiring
    Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the hiring of Samantha McDonald, supported by Bergstedt. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Kaszonyi - At our next work session we are going to work on those three issues we talked about, including our future finances. We are going to have to take a hard look at what our carry over might look like next year. We need to take a look at every position we have on our staff, what type of curriculum we are required to deliver by the state and what we can afford to make sure our children are afforded the opportunity to qualify for graduation, and we have to look at what we are carrying that isn't necessary. Many neighboring school districts are in the same situation.

Annette Porter - The idea of combining positions is out there due to declining enrollment.

Winfield - 20 years ago discussions were had about cuts and combined positions. This is not a new struggle in public schools.

Wolgast and President Porter - In the past, busing has been subject to budget cuts as well.

Bergstedt - The county clerk is instructing voters to write Jocelyn Bergstedt's name below John Kaszonyi's at the November election. Please share.

11. Adjournment

Kaszonyi made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., supported by Winfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Annette Porter
Stacey Porter
John Kaszonyi
Laura Wolgast

ADMINISTRATION
Robin Benson, Interim Superintendent
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal
Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

Mitchell Winfield
Joselyn Bergstedt
Katie Parr

Thank you for showing an interest in the operation of your school system. If you can add information for consideration to the Board concerning the items on the agenda, please complete the necessary form and turn it in to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The President will ask you to address the Board during the Citizens Time section. Your comments will be limited to three minutes under Board Policy.

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