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Board of Education Agenda
October 14, 2026
Committee of the Whole
5:30 pm
Washington Campus Conference Room 112
645 Alger St
Owosso, MI 48867

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

4. For Action

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5. Agenda Items

1. Bond Update
2. Financial Planning
3. Technology Update
4. Future Bus Purchase
5. Health Insurance Update 2026/27
6. Review of Data
7. Curriculum Updates
8. Surveys
9. Round Table

6. Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:
October 28, 2026: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM, Performing Arts Center
November 11, 2026: Board of Education Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM, Washington Campus Conference Room
November 18, 2026: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM, Performing Arts Center
Important Upcoming Dates:
October 20: OHS Band Hauntcert, 7:00 PM, PAC
October 22: ½ Day of School – Elementary only, NOON Dismissal
October 23: No School
October 23: Varsity Football vs. Garber High School, 7:00 PM, Willman Field
October 26: OHS Powderpuff Football, 7:00 PM, Willman Field

7. Closed Session
- Attorney/Client Privilege

8. Adjournment

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting. Board Policy 2502

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BOARD OF EDUCATION GUARANTEE
(Adopted June 2025)

As elected representatives of our community, we are honored to serve our fellow citizens by delivering the highest quality programs and services to the children of our district.

Therefore, we will guarantee that:

We will serve with dedication.
We embrace the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and the overall quality of life in our community. We proudly accept this responsibility and the challenge it brings.

We will treat all individuals with dignity and respect.
Whether students, parents, staff, citizens, or fellow board members, every person we engage with will be treated with professionalism, civility, and compassion.

We will be informed, prepared, and engaged.
Our decisions will be guided by the most current, accurate, and relevant information available. We are committed to continuous learning and to modeling the belief that education is a ongoing journey.

We will work collaboratively to foster a caring learning environment.
We value teamwork and will partner with administrators, educators, support staff, parents, students, and community members to ensure our schools reflect warmth and care.

We will uphold our role as policy makers and trusted representatives.
We understand the importance of governance and will maintain the Board's role in policy development. We will communicate openly with our constituents and ensure concerns are respectfully directed through appropriate channels.

We will champion our schools with enthusiasm.
We are committed to supporting the outstanding work of our students, staff, and volunteers. We will demonstrate this support by attending school events and pursuing board certification through ongoing professional development.

We will represent all voices in our community with integrity.
Our decisions will be rooted in sound policy, ethical principles, and the best interests of all students. We will use data, surveys, and active listening—both formally and informally—to stay connected with those we serve

Shelly Ochodnicky
President

Adam Easlick
Vice President

Olga Quick
Treasurer

Nick Henne
Secretary

Rick Mowen
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Marlene Webster
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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.

May 28, 2025

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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.

For Action

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FOR ACTION

Subject:

2026 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I Bond Authorization, Series I Amendment

Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating Thereto for the 2026 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, in an amount not to exceed $12,650,000.

Rationale:

Approval will allow the District, working with PFM Financial Advisors and Thrun Law Firm, to move forward with the first bond sale and begin implementing the facility improvements approved by the Owosso community on August 4, 2026.

Facts and Statistics:

On August 4, 2026, voters of Owosso Public Schools approved the District's $37.9 million bond proposal. The next step in the process is for the Board of Education to authorize the issuance and sale of the first series of bonds that will provide funding to begin the projects approved by voters.

Series I Bond Sale

The resolution prepared by Thrun Law Firm authorizes the District to issue 2026 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, in an amount not to exceed $12,650,000. This represents the first phase of the District's overall $37.9 million bond program.

The Series I bonds will be General Obligation – Unlimited Tax bonds, consistent with the authorization approved by voters. Bond proceeds will be deposited into the appropriate capital projects fund and used only for eligible bond projects and related issuance costs.

At the August 12 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board discussed the method for selling the bonds and reached consensus that a negotiated sale would be the preferred approach. A negotiated sale provides the District with greater flexibility regarding the timing, structure, and sale of the bonds based on changing market conditions.

Financial Safeguards

The resolution delegates authority to the Superintendent or designee to work with the District's financial advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC, and bond counsel to complete the sale. The authorization includes several important safeguards:

- The Series I principal amount may not exceed $12.65 million.
- The underwriter's discount may not exceed 0.75% ($7.50 per $1,000).
- The true interest cost may not exceed 6.0%.
- The maximum bond term may not exceed 25 years.

- The District must receive an express written recommendation from PFM Financial Advisors before accepting the Bond Purchase Agreement.
- The District must meet all requirements of the Michigan Department of Treasury prior to issuance.

The resolution also authorizes the Superintendent to select the underwriter, negotiate and execute the Bond Purchase Agreement within these established parameters, appoint the paying agent, and execute the necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Motion
Seconded
Vote – Ayes Nays Motion

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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Please take notice that the Owosso Public Schools Board of Education will hold a regularly scheduled Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Washington Campus Administration Building, Conference Room 112, 645 Alger St, Owosso, MI 48867.

DATE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
HOUR OF MEETING:	5:30pm
LOCATION OF MEETING:	Washington Campus Administration Building, Conference Room 112, 645 Alger St, Owosso, MI 48867
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Committee 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