

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Onaway Media Center

1. Call to order.

A special meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District's Board of Education was held in the Media Center. Called to order by President Mike Hart at 5:31pm on May 19th, 2025.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Hart- Present
Moran- Present
Kowalski- Absent
Kaszonyi- Present
Veihl- Present
Stacey Porter- Present
Annette Porter- Present

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

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

None

6. Superintendent Interviews- Consultant Dr. John Scholten - 2nd Interviews

- a. 5:30 Christopher Smith
- b. 6:30 Shaun Kovatch

7. Regular Business

- a. Review of Candidates
Discussion held.
- b. Selection of Superintendent

Onaway Area Community Schools

Motion to Employ a Superintendent

May 19th, 2025

Motion to employ Shaun Kovatch

I move to employ Shaun Kovatch as Superintendent of the Onaway Area Community Schools pending Board approval of a contractual agreement and authorize the President of the Board to negotiate with Shaun Kovatch, the contract governing his/her employment.

Veihl made a motion to approve the hire of Shaun Kovatch, supported by Moran.

Roll call: Moran- yes , Kaszonyi- yes, Veihl- yes , Stacey Porter- yes , Annette Porter- yes, Hart- yes. Motion carried.

c. Ice Day Waiver

Hart made a motion to accept the ice day waiver, supported by Annette Porter.

5 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

8. Board Member Comments/Correspondence.

Kaszonyi - Questioned process of posting/filling yearly coaching positions.

Moran - Voiced concern for next year's calendar and instructional days. Discussion held regarding the calendar concerns.

9. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Les Nixon - Thank you to Dr. Scholten and to the board.

Kay Schnabel - Questioned why the number of snow days has increased over the years.

10. Adjournment.

Annette Porter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm, supported by Kaszonyi. All in flavor.
Motion carried.


Secretary, Board of Education

ADMINISTRATION

Jake Huffman, Interim Superintendent
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal
Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lorrie Kowalski
Annette Porter
Thomas Moran
Lain Veihl
Stacey Porter
John Kaszonyi

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