ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Onaway Media Center

1. Call to Order

   A regular committee 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 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Approval of Minutes
   a. September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

   Bergstedt made a motion to approve the September 8th Regular Meeting Minutes, supported by Winfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda

   Kaszonyi made a motion to approve the September 22nd, 2026 agenda as written, supported by Wolgast. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizens Present Public Comment Time

   None

7. Information Items
   a. Interim Superintendent Report - Robin Benson

8. Action Items
   a. Interim Compensation - discussion held

      Winfield made a motion to approve the Interim Superintendent compensation to be equal to that of Shaun Jordan, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried. Compensation will be retroactive to September 1st, 2026.

      Kaszonyi commended Mrs. Benson for doing a great job. All Board members agreed.

9. Committee of the Whole Discussion
   a. Board Goals - discussion was held on setting three new Board goals:

1. long term finance goal
2. communication and marketing goal
3. facility update goal

b. Financials - discussion held on creating a long term financial plan and cutting costs. Interim Superintendent Benson said numerous areas have been evaluated for cost saving options.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Jocelyn Bergstedt - The school website is difficult to navigate.
Kaszonyi - This goal sheet is a pretty nice model.
President Porter - Could our technology department look into live streaming the Board of Education meetings. She also hoped that we could update our website to provide better public communication. President Porter reminded the board that this is Mrs. Chapman's first year doing the budget from start to finish. This year also brought challenges with new software systems. Danielle - you are doing an amazing job.

11. Adjournment

Kaszonyoi made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., supported by Winfield. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Annette Porter
Stacey Porter
John Kaszonyi
Laura Wolgast
Mitchell Winfield
Joselyn Bergstedt
Katie Parr

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

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