

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2024 - 6:00 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 Hart at 6:01 p.m. on November 26th, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Present: A.Porter, Kowalski, Veihl, Hart, Moran
Absent: Veal

4. Approval of Updated 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.**

Karen Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Hart asked Superintendent Bauer for clarification on expired seats post election. Discussion was held regarding this.

6. Information Items.

a.Superintendent's Update- Attached

Mr Bauer let the Board know we have an updated calendar available to all staff and public.

Mr Bauer spoke to the concerns about the recent vacant seat appointments. It was brought to my attention that community members have contacted board members questioning if we are following protocol. I spoke with the Presque Isle County Clerk and am 100% confident that we are correct. Please reach out to me writing with any questions or concerns on this matter.

7. Regular Business.

a. Hiring

i. Secondary Para Professional

Veihl moved to hire Karen Kirby, supported by Moran.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Hart- Welcome.

ii. Elementary Special Education Teacher (Part-Time)

Porter moved to hire Tiffany Wade, supported by Veihl.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Hart- Welcome.

b. Presentation by PFM (virtual) on Construction Bond Options -Attached

Christine Griffiths at PFM gave an online presentation on qualified and non-qualified bonds.

Bauer- My recommendation is that we go for non-qualified bonds. It will simply buy us more time and we won't have to face the prevailing wage restrictions or problems with getting labor up here.

Hart asked questions regarding school rating as an A2 rating and if that would allow us to get a competitive type of a bid when we try to put these bonds out.

Griffiths explained the insurance portion of the bonds.

c. Clark Construction Project Update - Craig gave an in person presentation.

Craig said what we really need to know tonight is whether you are going to go qualified or non-qualified. He described both in detail including deadlines. Craig also recommended a non-qualified bond.

Hart asked for a motion for the qualified bond. None

Hart asked for a motion for non-qualified bond. Moran moved to approve, supported by Veihl. Now we will go into discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Appointment of New Board Member to Vacant Seat

Hart asks for a motion to appoint a new board member for the vacant seat.

Discussion held. Moran moved to fill the vacancy (Stacey Porter) supported by Kowalski. Discussion held. Hart- I'm going to go roll call on this.

Roll Call Vote:

Moran- Yes

Kowalski- Yes

Veihl- No

Porter- Yes

Hart- Yes

Motion carried. Hart- Welcome Stacey.

8. Citizens Present Public Comment Time.

Wayne Vermilya addressed the board. No action taken.

9. Adjournment.

Porter moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m., supported by Veihl. All in favor.
Motion carried.



Secretary, Board Of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mike Hart
Lorrie Kowalski
Annette Porter
Jeremy Veal
Thomas Moran
Lain Veihl
1 - Vacant Seat

ADMINISTRATION

Dan Bauer, Interim Superintendent
Robin Benson, Elementary Principal
Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

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