



ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

September 8th, 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 September 8, 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 for Regular/Special/Closed Meeting

- a. August 25, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- b. August 31, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
- c. August 31, 2026 Closed Meeting Minutes

Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular/Special meetings from August 25, 2026 and August 31, 2026, supported by Bergstedt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kaszoniyi made a motion to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2026, supported by Wolgast. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda

Kaszoniyi made a motion to approve the agenda as written, supported by Stacey Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizens Present Public Comment Time

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.
Sharon Lyon presented to the board. No action taken.

7. Information Items

- a. Superintendent Report - Robin Benson
- b. Elementary Report - Robin Benson
- c. Secondary Report - Bryan Pyle

8. Financial Report

- a. Approval of Bills



Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the (August) bills as written, supported by Winfield. Kaszonyi abstained from voting. Parr - yes, Wolgast - yes, Winfield - yes. Stacey Porter - yes, Bergstedt - yes, Annette Porter - yes. Motion carried. Discussion held.

b. Approval of Financial Reports

Stacey Porter made a motion to approve the (August) financial report, supported by Bergstedt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion held. Kaszonyi asked when a budget amendment could be expected.

9. Regular Business

a. Approval of Custodian Resignation

i. Lillian Aldrich

Winfield made a motion to accept the resignation of Lillian Aldrich, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kaszonyi thanked Lillian for her years of service.

b. Approval of Schedule B Contracts for the following:

- i. Varsity Baseball Coach
- ii. Varsity Softball Coach
- iii. Junior High 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- iv. Junior High 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- v. Junior High 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- vi. Junior High 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- vii. JV Boys Basketball Coach
- viii. JV Girls Basketball Coach
- ix. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- x. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- xi. Varsity Basketball Cheer Coach
- xii. Varsity Robotics Coach
- xiii. Junior High Track Coach
- xiv. Varsity Track Coach

Winfield made a motion to accept the Schedule B Contracts, supported by Wolgast. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Winfield asked if the Superintendent's decision to allow a District employee to bring their registered therapy dog to school was written into the contract. Discussion held. Annette Porter stated she does not believe this is a board issue. Discussion held. Kaszonyi asked that administrators have legal look at this and see where our liabilities are and what recourse we have.

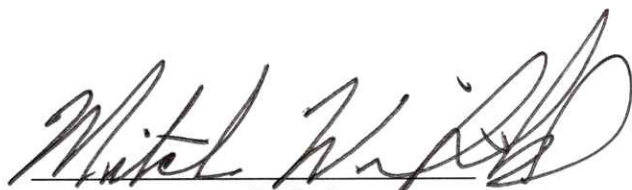
Kaszonyi would like to add agenda items to the September 22nd, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting; long term financial strategy and Board of Education goals.

Wolgast addressed head lice policy. Interim Superintendent Benson outlined the current head lice policy.

11. Adjournment

Kaszonyi made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 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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