



OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Board of Education Agenda

May 06, 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

•Bond Resolution-----

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5. Agenda Items

1. Cell phone policy survey results
2. Staff Member Appreciation
 - Starfish K-12
3. Attendance / Behavior Data
4. Facilities
5. Superintendent Rubric
6. Budget
7. Willsub Bentley DHHS Funds
8. Student Enrollment
9. Box Food Service Truck
10. Interns 2026-2027
11. Round Table

6. Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

May 27, 2026: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM, Performing Arts Center

June 10, 2026: Board of Education Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM, Washington Campus Conference Room

June 24, 2026: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30 PM, Washington Campus Conference Room

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 08, 2026: Mother's Day Dance, 4:30 PM, Bryant Elementary

May 08 & 09, 2026: Cabaret, 7:00 PM, PAC

May 10, 2026: District Art Show, 10:00 AM, PAC Lobby

May 10, 2026: Cabaret, 2:00 PM, PAC

May 11, 13 & 14 2026: 4th Grade Concert, 7:00 PM, PAC

May 12, 2026: OMS Choir Concert, 7:00 PM, PAC

May 18, 2026: Honors Convocation, 7:00 PM, PAC

May 20, 2026: OHS Graduation, 7:00 PM, Willman Field

May 21, 2026: OHS Graduation (Rain Date). 7:00 PM Location TBD

May 22, 2026: ½ Day for all Students: Teacher work day

May 25, 2026: No School: Memorial Day

May 26, 2026: Bentley Bright Beginnings Graduation, 4:00 PM, PAC

7. Closed Session

- Contract Negotiations
- 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



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

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Vice President

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Treasurer

Nick Henne
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Trustee

Marlene Webster
Trustee

John Pappas
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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.



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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

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
May 6, 2026
Report 25-134**

FOR ACTION

Subject:

Bond Resolution

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education adopt the resolution to call a special election on **August 4, 2026**, and submit to voters a bond proposal in the amount of **\$37.9 million**, with **no increase to the current debt levy**.

Facts/Statistics:

Owosso Public Schools proposes a **\$37.9 million bond** to address critical district infrastructure, safety, and instructional needs **without increasing the current debt levy**. The bond will appear on **August 4, 2026**, pending Board certification.

This zero-mill increase bond leverages expiring debt to reinvest in our schools while maintaining the current tax rate. The proposal reflects both **fiscal responsibility and commitment to safe, warm, and dry learning environments**.

Scope of the Bond Projects:

This bond proposal would address the highest priority projects as determined by the district and community input with a focus on **Safe, Warm, and Dry**. As outlined in the official resolution, the bond proposal includes the following:

Bentley Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center

- Mill and overlay the existing parking lot
- Expand the parking lot
- Abatement
- Classroom furniture and equipment

Emerson Elementary School

- Replace boiler
- Replace EFIS with composite panel on north side of building
- Replace roof – center section
- Pave parking lot
- Replace sidewalks near the bus stop on Dewey Street
- Abatement
- Classroom furniture and equipment

Bryant Elementary School

- Replace boiler
- Remodel restrooms to meet ADA compliance – new fixtures and finishes
- Replace the roof over the gym and the wood exterior fascia
- Replace ceilings throughout the school
- Build a secure entrance
- Install exterior fencing
- Abatement
- Classroom furniture and equipment

Central Elementary School

- Remodel restrooms to meet ADA compliance – new fixtures and finishes
- Replace the entire roof and the wood exterior fascia (Note: The 2019 addition will NOT receive a new roof.)
- Replace windows
- Replace sidewalks on Lee Street (Note: Some work will be completed in 2027 and some in 2028.)
- Build a secure entrance
- Abatement
- Classroom furniture and equipment

Owosso 6th-12th Grade Campus & Athletics

- Replace sawtooth roofing over the cafeteria and media center
- Replace pool infrastructure and mechanical systems (Note: Some work will be completed in 2029 and some in 2030.)
- Remove skylights and infill roof and ceiling
- Resurface the “freshman” parking lot on the West side of the campus
- Abatement

Washington Campus/Lincoln Alternative High School

- Remodel restrooms to meet ADA compliance – new fixtures and finishes
- Add doors to create a secure entrance
- Replace water lines
- Replace fuse panels
- Abatement
- Classroom furniture and equipment

Jerome Street Transportation Facility

- Demolish buildings
- Create a new parking lot for district use
- Abatement

Cedar Street Warehouse

- Demolish existing building
- Abatement

New construction of a Transportation/Maintenance Center on the north side of the 6th-12th Grade Campus (property currently owned by the district) inclusive of:

- Bus canopy for 12 buses
- Sitework
- Loose furnishings and equipment
- Technology

Willman Field

- Sealcoat bleachers
- Remodel restroom and locker room areas

Financial Details:

- **Total Estimated Cost of the Project:** \$38,207,379
- **Bond Amount to be Borrowed:** \$37,900,000
- **Millage Rate Impact:** Zero increase from current debt millage
- **Bond Term:** Through approximately 2054
- **Use of Funds:** Direct project investment; any additional proceeds will be used for bond-related costs and interest earnings

Election and Timeline:

- The Board intends to submit this proposition to voters at an **election on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.**
- **Ballot Certification Deadline:** On or before **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**
- The Board will work with the **Election Coordinator** to:
 - Publish notices of the election in a newspaper of general circulation within the district
 - Ensure compliance with state election requirements

Community Impact and Communication:

This bond represents a **zero-mill net tax rate increase** from the current (2026) tax year. There are core infrastructure system projects, such as roofs, boilers, plumbing, electrical and windows, that have exceeded their expected lifecycles – replacing these systems would extend the useful life of our school buildings and sites. The community will see long-term returns through:

- Safer, more secure campuses
- The operational savings generated from new and cost-efficient facilities could be redirected to student programs and resources.

Communication Plan includes:

- Bond informational webpage, printed materials, and social media graphics
- Community presentations and tours

- Staff and parent forums
- Clear messaging on “zero mill increase” status
- Funds raised through the sale of bonds cannot be used for operational expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, school supplies, and textbooks. Bond funds must be kept separate from operating funds and must be audited by an independent auditing firm.

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, May 06, 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, May 06, 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 989-723-8131
of Board of Education:

Board Minutes are located at the 645 Alger St, Owosso, MI 48867
Principal Office of the Board of
Education:

Board of Education, President
Owosso Public Schools