

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2025 - 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 Mike Hart at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

Present: Hart, Moran, Kaszonyi, Kowalski, Stacey Porter, Veihl and Annette Porter

Absent:

4. Approval of minutes for regular/special meetings.

a. April 16, 2025 Regular meeting minutes.

Moran moved to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 16th, 2025, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. April 29, 2025 Special meeting minutes.

Moran moved to approve the special meeting minutes from April 29th, 2025, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. April 29, 2025 Closed meeting minutes.

Moran moved to approve the closed meeting minutes from April 29th, 2025, supported by Kaszonyi. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda.

Moran moved to approve the agenda, supported by Stacey Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Citizens Present Public Comment Time - For Agenda Items Only.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

7. Information Items

- a. Superintendent Report. - attached
- b. Secondary Principal's Report. - attached
- c. Elementary Principal's Report. - attached
- d. Athletic Director's Report. - given verbally by Bryan Pyle

8. Financial Reports

a. Approval of bills.

Kaszonyi moved to approve the (April) bills as written, supported by Veihl. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Approval of financial report.

Stacey Porter moved to approve the (April) financial report, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Regular Business

a. Seal of Biliteracy Award- Bree Baughman- Presentation given

b. Mr. John Tribisoni- Letter of Resignation/Retirement - attached

Veihl made a motion to accept Mr. Tribisoni's letter of resignation/retirement, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Mark Grant- Tree proposal letter - attached

Moran made a motion to accept Mr. Grant's proposal, supported by Annette Porter. Discussion held. Policy # 3305 read by Superintendent Huffman. More discussion was held. Roll call: Moran- yes, Kaszonyi- yes, Kowalski- no, Veihl- yes, Stacey Porter - yes, Annette Porter- yes, Hart - yes. Motion Carried.

d. ISD Election

i. Representative Appointment.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DISTRICT'S ELECTION REPRESENTATIVE May 13th, 2025

Onaway, Michigan (The "Onaway Area Community School District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of Onaway Area Community Schools, Onaway Michigan (the "Board"), was held in the Media Center, in the District, on the 13th day of May, 2025, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Hart, President.

Present: Hart, Moran, Kaszonyi, Kowalski, Veihl, Annette Porter and Stacey Porter

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Annette Porter and supported by Member Tom Moran.

WHEREAS:

1. The biennial election of the Board of Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District, Michigan (the "ESD Board") will be held on Monday, June 5, 2023; and
2. The members of the ESD Board will be elected by an electoral body composed of 1 person designated by the board of each of the constituent school districts; and
3. In accordance with Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code [MCL 380.614(2)], this Board designates John Kaszonyi as this District's proposed representative and directs said representative to vote on behalf of this Board for a specific candidate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board does hereby approve the designation of John Kaszonyi as the representative of this Board for the electoral body, which body will elect three (3) candidates to the vacancies on the ESD Board on Monday, June 2, 2025 and Annette Porter as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
2. The designated representative is further directed to cast a vote on the first ballot on behalf of this Board as follows:

Dennis Budnick 6 year Term thru June 2031

Mitchell Hintz 6 year Term thru June 2031

Julie Waldron 6 year Term thru June 2031

3. The Secretary of this Board is hereby further directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Secretary of the ESD Board.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolution insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Hart, Moran, Kaszonyi, Kowalski, Veihl, Annette Porter and Stacey Porter

Nays:

Motion declared adopted.


Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Onaway, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 13th, 2025, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.


Secretary, Board of Education

Annette Porter moved to appoint Kaszonyi as ISD Representative, supported by Moran. All in favor. Motion carried.

ii. Designation of Onaway Schools Ballot.

e. Approval of COPESD's 2025-2026 Budget.

SUPPORT for Budget

COPESD 2025-26 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Onaway ,Michigan (the "Onaway Area Community Schools")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District was held in the Onaway Area Community Schools Board of Education, in the District, on the 13th day of May 2025, at 7 o'clock in the Media Center.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Hart, President.

Present: Hart, Moran, Kaszonyi, Kowalski, Veihl, Annette Porter and Stacey Porter

Absent:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Veihl and supported by Member Annette Porter.

WHEREAS:

1. Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the intermediate school board to submit its proposed budget not later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review; and
2. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed intermediate school district budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed intermediate school district budget, and shall submit to the intermediate school board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The board of education has received and reviewed the proposed intermediate school district budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and by the adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the proposed intermediate school district budget.
2. The secretary of the board of education or his/her designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to the intermediate school board or its superintendent no later than June 1, 2025.
3. All resolutions insofar as they conflict with this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Hart, Moran, Kaszonyi, Kowalski, Veihl, Annette Porter and Stacey Porter

Nays:

Resolution declared adopted.


Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

Veihl moved to approve COPESD's 2025-26 budget, supported by Annette Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

f. 2nd Reading and Approval of Policy Updates

Policies 3115 A-G, 3118, 4101, 4102, 4104, 4105, 4113, 5202, 5206

Stacey Porter made a motion to accept the updated policies, supported by Moran.

Discussion held.

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

g. Extracurricular Committee Update - given by John Kaszonyi. Discussion held.

h. Budget Update - given by Superintendent Huffman.

i. June Board Meetings

i. Move June 10 meeting to June 9

ii. Move June 24 meeting to June 30

Kaszonyi moved to approve the change in June meeting dates, supported by Moran. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Board Member Comments/Correspondence

Moran- Is still interested in adopting a calendar with extra contingency for "snow days."

Annette Porter- I would like to see no school on Martin Luther King Jr. Day for the 25-26 school year.

Veihl- Reminded Superintendent Huffman about "chain of command" on discipline.

11. Citizens Present Public Comment Time

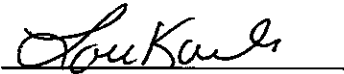
Alisha Burns presented to the board. No action taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the board. No action taken.

Chad Chapman presented to the board. No action taken.

12. Adjournment.

Annette Porter motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m., supported by Stacey Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Mike Hart

Lorrie Kowalski

Annette Porter

Thomas Moran

Lain Veihl

Stacey Porter

John Kaszonyi

Jake Huffman, Interim Superintendent

Robin Benson, Elementary Principal

Bryan Pyle, Secondary Principal

Thank you for showing an interest in the operation of your school system. If you can add information for consideration to the Board concerning the items on the agenda, please complete the necessary form and turn it in to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The President will ask you to address the Board during the Citizens Time section. Your comments will be limited to three minutes under Board Policy.

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