

**ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

February 27, 2023

Call to order.

A special meeting of the Onaway Area Community School District Board of Education was held in the Media Center. Called to Order by President, James Rieger at 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call.

Present: Palmer, Veal, Kowalski, Chaskey, Rieger, Porter and Hart

Absent:

Approval of agenda.

Chaskey moved to move the citizens present time to after the regular business, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Porter moved to suggest that Mrs. Chaskey recuse herself from any legal matters and any motions that affect the financial condition of the school district until either her lawsuit is settled or dismissed, supported by Veal. Veal, Hart, and Porter in favor. Kowalski, Palmer, and Rieger opposed. Chaskey abstained. Motion failed.

Palmer moved to approve the agenda as amended, support by Kowalski. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Business-

Workshop dates set to meet with a Site Logic team to make a determination about whether or not we want to move forward with referendum on March 20th, April 18th, and 25th at 7 p.m.

Palmer moved to obtain Kallman Legal group as the council for the Board and keep Thrun on retainer for other school business until at least June 30th, supported by Kowalski. Discussion held. Palmer: call to question, Mr. Chair. Chair: the question has been called. We need to vote on to end discussion, and we do need a 2/3 majority vote. Discussion continued. Chair: first of all, there is a motion on the floor that has to be voted on, correct? Porter: which one, the call to question or the? Chair: no, we're not going to deal with that. Roll call vote: Yes- Kowalski, Palmer, and Rieger. No- Veal, Hart, Porter, and Chaskey. Motion failed.

Chaskey moved to bring forward and vote on at our next meeting, March 14th, other possible candidates to fulfill this role for Board council. Discussion held. No support. Motion failed.

Chairman Rieger: addressed a rumor regarding the Board firing and removing Officer Dave Schmoldt from the school system.

Citizens Present/Time –

Max Boettger presented to the Board on behalf of Hope Faith. No action was taken.

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Les Nixon presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Karen Vermilya presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Barb Hoffmeyer presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Stacey Porter presented to the Board on behalf of Tonya Skuse-Hirtzel. No action was taken.

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Vanessa Dean presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Jessica Chandler presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Michael Gresens from Thrun Law Firm presented to the Board. No action was taken.

Adjournment.

Chaskey moved to adjourn at 6:23 p.m., supported by Veal.



Secretary, Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

Lorrie Kowalski	Mindy Horn, Interim Superintendent
Jim Rieger	Marty Mix, Secondary Principal
Mike Hart	Robin Benson, Elementary Principal
Jeremy Veal	
John Palmer	
Erin Chaskey	

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