

ONAWAY AREA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

April 9, 2024

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 James Rieger at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call.

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

4. Approval of Minutes.

Chaskey moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 regular meeting, supported by Hart. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda.

Horn- Adding approval for overnight and out of state travel for the robotics team and approval for out of state (and overnight) travel for the class of 2024. (Added as d and e under Regular Business.)

Rieger- Move citizens' present time to maybe up here like under financial report maybe c before regular business seeing how we have the evaluation and have to go into closed session for that. (Added as c under Financial Reports.)

Palmer moved to amend the agenda for the previously spoken items, supported by Kowalski. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Information Items.

a. Superintendent – Mindy Horn- Just letting the Board know I did officially accept April Bentley's resignation, and it's effective in August. Wanted to congratulate, I see some of them here tonight, and they intend to give a full presentation to you when they return, but congratulate our robotics team for qualifying for the World Championships.

We also had a huge appreciation to the staff that put this on. I know many of you saw the pictures of this. Our staff goes above and beyond during reading month and if you took the time to go down and see the hallways down there, a lot of those things are still up, but boy, do they go all out for those kids, and I know they still have one more thing coming up here in another week they've got the space lab coming in and the kids will get to go into that and we actually have a former graduate who is going to be coming in she works for Jeff Bezos out in Oregon on his Lunar module. She is coming in to talk with the kids, and all the kids are going to be writing postcards that are going to be going back to Oregon with her and hopefully go up into space. They are very excited about that.

I do also want to take the time to thank the community because, boy, the outpouring of donations and support for our kids has been incredible. We feel quite confidentially that the kids will have very little if not zero out of pocket cost to get down to Houston, so I think that is incredible the donations that have come out including the \$6,000.00 donation from Awakon Credit Union for their team.

Please watch your mailboxes because, over the next week, you will start receiving postcards from our Intermediate School District. They want to survey you to ask your opinions on CTE programming, trades programming, that kind of thing. They're interested in hearing from you, and that will be coming to your mailbox next week. Speaking of CTE trips, Michigan Works sponsored a trip down to Gaylord to see the shop that is now owned by Kenny Dangler. So again, that was pretty neat because he is an alumnus, and to have him be able to present to the kids now and share his success story, it's a real success story; the kids enjoyed that.

We have a band dinner this Thursday. We hope to see everyone there. The scholarship night for our seniors is going to be April 25 at 6 p.m.

- b. Elementary** -Robin Benson- Attached.
- c. Secondary/Athletic Report** – Marty Mix-Attached.
- d. Staff Report** – Kitchen- Attached.
- e. Yearly Goal Update** – Attached.

7. Financial Reports.

a. Approval of bills.

Chaskey moved to approve the (March) bills as written, supported by Hart. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Financial Report.

Chaskey moved to approve the financial report (for March) as written, supported by Veal. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Citizens Present Time.

Wayne Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.
Max Boettger presented to the Board. No action taken.
Lain Veihl presented to the Board. No action taken.
Karen Vermilya presented to the Board. No action taken.
Donna Allsteadt presented to the Board. No action taken.
Peg Herring presented to the Board. No action taken.
Trudy Dickinson presented to the Board. No action taken.
Tonya Salata presented to the Board. No action taken.
Larry Hull presented to the Board. No action taken.
Kathy Christian presented to the Board. No action taken.
Gary Wellnitz. Presented to the Board. No action taken.
Todd Smalenberg presented to the Board. No action taken.
Jim Palomaris. presented to the Board. No action taken.
Roger Sedell presented to the Board. No action taken.
Lanisha Boughner presented to the Board. No action taken.

8. Regular Business.

a. Acceptance of Donation.

Horn- This was submitted to our Athletic Director, Mr. Mix. It is from Kathy Urlaub Foley. I'll read it quick if I might, please.

Donation latter read by Mrs. Horn:

As a 1966 Rogers City High School graduate, a Michigan State University Alum and a retired Lansing School District teacher, I have always enjoyed watching and participating in sports. For many years I have visited Onaway and Black Lake and spent time with my Daly Grandparents, family, relatives and friends.

My monetary donation of \$10,000 is being made to the Onaway High School Girls' Basketball Program to be used for uniforms and equipment needed. I make this donation in the name of four very important individuals in my life.

In Memory of

- ◆ My Mum, Angela Daly, a 1933 OHS Graduate who played Girls' Basketball in the 1930s.
- ◆ My brother-in-law, Fred Elowsky, a 1960 OHS Graduate who coached Girls' Basketball from 1988 to 1994.

As a tribute to my two nieces

- ◆ Jackie Elowsky Brasseur, a 1989 OHS Graduate who played Girls' Basketball from 1985 to 1989.
- ◆ Jennifer Elowsky, a 1992 OHS Graduate who played Girls' Basketball from 1988 to 1992.

As an avid Michigan State Basketball fan, I hope this donation will benefit your Girls' Basketball Program. Go Green!!

Hart moved to accept the donation of \$10,000.00, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Policy & Curriculum Committee Recommendation: Internet Safety Course.

Chaskey moved to accept the recommendation of the Curriculum/ Policy Committee regarding the Internet Safety Course, supported by Veal. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion held on Policy 5422 and a potential new protocol for notifying Board members when a special board meeting has been called.

c. Operating Millage Resolution.

Horn- I just want to make sure everybody understands when we're talking about an operating millage. If you own your home and that's your primary residence, you don't pay a dime for this. An operating millage is a non-homestead millage which is taxed on second homes, vacation property, and such. So, if you are a homeowner living in your primary residence, you are exempt from this.

President Rieger:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.
3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:
 - a. Utilize _____, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.
 - b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.
 - c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

Porter moved to adopt the resolution to place the Operating Millage on the August ballot, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Veal moved to approve the robotics club to go both out of state travel and overnight travel for the purpose of going to Houston for their competition, supported by Porter. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Porter moved to approve out of state and overnight travel for the class of 2024, they are going to be going to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, supported by Palmer. All in favor. Motion carried. Discussion held. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Rieger- 10-minute recess then we will go into closed session for Mindy's evaluation at 8:15.

f. Superintendent Evaluation.

Hart moved to enter into closed session at 8:17 p.m. for the Superintendent's Evaluation, supported by Chaskey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hart moved to go back into open session at 10:17 p.m., supported by Porter. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kowalski- We're going to be voting on the evaluation at the next (regular) Board meeting.

10. Adjournment.

Hart moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m., supported by Veal.



Secretary, Board of Education

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