# Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education Organizational Meeting Monday, January 12, 2015

The 2015 Organizational Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015 by Tony Johnson, ranking officer of the present Board (Board Policy Bylaw #0151). The meeting was held in the Board of Education Meeting Room located in Oscoda Area High School, 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750. Tony Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The "Oath of Office" was administered to Tim Kellstrom, Mary Reitler, and Dan Schlink.

Mr. Johnson appointed Ed Davis as Temporary Secretary until the nomination and election of the Board Secretary.

Members Present: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis (arrived at 7:05)

Motion: by Davis, supported by Kahila, to nominate Tony Johnson as the Board's Temporary Chairperson, who shall

serve until the election of the President (as provided for in Board Policy Bylaw #0151).

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink

Nays: None Absent: Ellis Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 6 - 0 vote.

Secretary Davis read the district's vision, mission and belief statements.

In recognition of Board Appreciation Month, each Board member was presented with a certificate and a token of appreciation to thank them for their service to the community.

The "Oath of Office" was administered to Donald R. Ellis III.

#### **Election of 2015 Board President:**

Ken Kahila nominated Tony Johnson and Mary Reitler supported the nomination.

With no further nominations for Board President, nominations were declared closed and a roll call vote was taken to elect Tony Johnson to the position of Board President.

Roll Call: Yeas: Davis, Kahlia, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

The result of the roll call vote is that Tony Johnson will serve as the 2015 Board President.

# **Election of 2015 Board Vice-President:**

Tim Kellstrom nominated Donald R. Ellis III and Ken Kahila supported the nomination.

With no further nominations for Board Vice-President, nominations were declared closed and a roll call vote was taken to elect Donald R. Ellis III to the position of Board Vice-President.

Roll Call: Yeas: Kahila, Kellstrom, Retiler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

The result of the roll call vote is that Donald R. Ellis III will serve as the 2015 Board Vice-President.

#### **Election of 2015 Board Secretary:**

Ken Kahila nominated Ed Davis and Tim Kellstrom supported the nomination.

With no further nominations for Board Secretary, nominations were declared closed and a roll call vote was then taken to elect Ed Davis to the position of Board Secretary.

Roll Call: Yeas: Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

The result of the roll call vote is that Ed Davis will serve as the 2015 Board Secretary.

## **Election of 2015 Board Treasurer:**

Tim Kellstrom nominated Ken Kahila and Tony Johnson supported the nomination.

With no further nominations for Board Treasurer, nominations were declared closed and a roll call vote was then taken for the position of Board Treasurer.

**Roll Call:** Yeas: Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

The result of the roll call vote is that Ken Kahila will serve as the 2015 Board Treasurer.

Linda Skodack updated the Board on the textbook piloting process. She reported that the district is currently piloting language arts books for grades 6-12. Half of the language arts teachers are piloting books from Houghton Mifflin, the other half are piloting language arts books published by Pearson. Both series have digital collaboration tools. Teachers will switch books for second semester. Teachers and students will rate the books, and a series will be recommended for purchase by May 1, 2015. High School social studies teachers are piloting world history, U.S. history, and government books and hope to have a recommendation by the end of the school year. Mrs, Skodack stated that she has been searching for math book to pilot at the high school. Teachers will be piloting Big Ideas published by Houghton Mifflin. The cost to pilot this series for eight weeks is \$1,500. She explained that the high school has been using integrated math for the last eight years and would like to go back to the traditional algebra, geometry, algebra II format. The switch to the traditional AGA format will be phased in over a four year period.

The Board of Education heard no public/general comments.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education adopt the 2015 Legal Reference Note:

# Oscoda Area Schools 2015 Board of Education Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan Legal Reference Note January 1, 2015

This note is added to the minutes of the January 12, 2015 organizational meeting of the Board of Education as a legal reference to the change in status of our school district caused by the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1 *et seq.*) amendments which became effective July 1, 1996.

- 1. The legal name of the school district is: Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan
- 2. Prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996, this school district was classified as a fourth class school district. On July 1, 1996, the district became a general powers district by operation of law.
- 3. The Board of Education is comprised of seven (7) members who are elected for terms of six (6) years.

Members holding office on January 1, 2015 and the expiration of their current terms are listed below:

Term expires on December 31, 2016
Term expires on December 31, 2016
Term expires on December 31, 2016
Term expires on December 31, 2018
Term expires on December 31, 2018
Term expires on December 31, 2020
Term expires on December 31, 2020

- 4. Members of the Board of Education are elected in November of even numbered years
- 5. The annual organizational meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education is held in the month of January.

Yeas: Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

**Motion:** 

by Kahila, supported by Kellstrom, that the Board of Education establish the second Monday of the month as the regular meeting date of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education for 2015 as per the dates, times and location specified on the proposed schedule:

## Board of Education Regular Monthly Meetings 2015 Schedule

The Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education will meet in regular session on the second Monday of each month, unless otherwise specified below.

Board minutes are located at the principal office of the Board of Education:

Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education Office (989) 739-2033Telephone Number (989) 739-2325 Fax Number

3550 River Road

Oscoda, Michigan 48750

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Board of Education Meetings will be held at the following location unless otherwise specified below:

Oscoda Area High School Board of Education Meeting Room 3550 East River Road Oscoda, Michigan 48750 **Hour of the meetings:** 7 o'clock p.m.

# **Meeting Dates:**

Monday, January 12, 2015 (Organizational Mtg.)

Monday, February 9, 2015

Monday, March 16, 2015

Monday, April 13, 2015

Monday, April 13, 2015

Monday, May 11, 2015

Monday, May 11, 2015

Monday, December 14, 2015

Monday, June 8, 2015 Monday, January 11, 2016 (Organizational Mtg.)

Monday, July 13, 2015

Any changes in the meeting dates, times, and locations shown above, will be announced.

The Board of Education will meet the fourth Monday of each month, as necessary. All special meetings and work sessions of the Board of Education will be announced and publicly posted.

Yeas: Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

Motion: by Davis, supported by Reitler, that the Board of Education select the following depositories for the Oscoda Area

Schools for 2015:

(a) Huron Community Bank - Oscoda General Fund/Agency Funds/

Food Service Fund/Charitable Gaming Fundraising

(b) MILAF General Fund/Sinking Fund/
Michigan Liquid Asset Fund

Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Debt Retirement Funds

Yeas: Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

Motion: by Kahila, supported by Ellis, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which

include: the approval of the Agenda for the January 12, 2015 Organizational Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2014; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2014; the tentative minutes of the Sinking Fund Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 11, 2014; and the payment of the General Fund checks #10475 through #10615

totaling \$185,202.29 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

Motion: by Davis, supported by Kahiula, that the Board of Education ratify the Master Agreement with the Oscoda

Secretarial Association for the 2014-2015 and 2015-16 school years, as presented, and as recommended by the

Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

**Motion:** 

by Ellis, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education approve the following Best Practices Resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$50 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 7 of 9 best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2015 (MCL 388.1622f).

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan desires to receive the \$50 per pupil incentive payment.

WHEREAS, the Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan has satisfied at least 7 of 9 best practices criteria.

WHEREAS, eligibility for the incentive payment is contingent upon adopting a resolution that states the district has complied with the following 7 of 9 best practice criteria.

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan certifies that the district has complied with the following requirements:
- The district is the designated policy holder for medical benefit plan(s) pursuant to Section 22f (2) (a).
- The district has obtained a competitive bid for 2014-15 on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f (2) (b) for bus drivers.
- The district accepts applications for enrollment by non-resident applicants under Section 105 and 105c (MCL 388.1705) pursuant to Section 22f(2)(c).
- The district offers online courses or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils, and publishes course syllabi pursuant to Section 22f(1)(d).
- The district provides a link on the district's home page to the URL for the MiSchoolData Portal which will contain the required dashboard indicators pursuant to Section 22f(1)(e). If certain data elements for our district are unavailable from State data collections, we agree to provide those data in the form and manner determined by MDE.
- The district has implemented a comprehensive guidance and counseling program.
- The district's collective bargaining agreements do not include provision contrary to prohibited subjects as outlined in section 15(3) of 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.215.
- 2. The Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan authorizes and directs its secretary to file this resolution with the State Aid and School Finance Office of the Michigan Department of Education.
- 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education renew the contract with Labor Relations Services to

provide labor relations services for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018 for the fee of \$8,500 per year plus mileage reimbursement, to be paid at the per mile rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

Yeas: Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote

Motion: by Schlink, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education approve the contract for Computer Specialist

Donald E. Axline as proposed and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 –0 vote.

Motion: by Retiler, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education reaffirm the following vision and mission

statements adopted on December 13, 2004 as recommended by the District School Improvement Team and the

Superintendent of Schools.

Vision Statement "Students First"

Mission Statement "The mission of Oscoda Area Schools, through partnership with the home and

community, is to deliver comprehensive and challenging learning experiences,

preparing all students to become productive, responsible members of society."

Yeas: Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 –0 vote.

**Motion:** by Kahila, supported by Kellstrom, that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2014-2015 O.E.A. Merit

Pay Plan as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 –0 vote.

President Johnson made the following committee assignments:

#### 2015 Board Committees & Assignments

Superintendent's Evaluation Committee Chair Tony Johnson (The Board of Education will meet as a "Committee of the Whole" as the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee for 2015)

Finance Committee Chair Ken Kahila (The Board of Education will meet as a "Committee of the Whole" as the Finance Committee for 2015)

Board Policy Committee Chair Tony Johnson
Appointed on 1/12/15 Member Ken Kahila
Member Tim Kellstrom

District School Improvement/NCA Team
Appointed on 01/12/15
Representative
Representative
Representative
Representative
Dan Schlink
Alternate
Tony Johnson

Petition Review Committee: Board Member Mary Reitler, Chairperson

Appointed on 01/12/15

Board Member

Board Member

Tony Johnson

### **Board Appointments:**

Key Board Member:Ed Davis, Board SecretaryAlternate Check Signer:Ed Davis, Board Secretary

Alternate Check Signer: Donald R. Ellis III, Board Vice-President

LRN Representative: Tony Johnson, Board President

LRN Alternate Representative: Donald R. Ellis III, Board Vice-President

Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation: Ed Davis, Board Secretary
Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation: Mary Reitler, Alternate
Public Notice Posting Responsibility: Ed Davis, Board Secretary

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Susan L. Barnhart, Central Office Manager

Election Duties: Ed Davis, Board Secretary

Scott M. Moore, Superintendent of Schools Susan L. Barnhart, Central Office Manager

Iosco RESA Representative: Tony Johnson, Board President

Iosco RESA Alternate Representative:

Donald R. Ellis III, Board Vice-President

(LRN = Legislative Relations Network)

Tony Johnson stated that he plans to attend the MASB Board President workshop on February 14<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. He noted that CBA classes as well as a new board member workshop will be offered in Lansing on February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged members to attend.

The Board of Education formally acknowledged the resignation of JV softball coach Kaitlyn Franklin.

Superintendent Moore reported that he has taken on the role of Director of Operation and Plant, and feels that another plan needs to be developed. The district needs to look at getting two or two and a half good, qualified people to work in the maintenance department. He pointed out that even through the district has been closing schools, the buildings still need to be maintained.

Superintendent Moore reported that the district received no bids for a pool cover. He noted that there is a lot of uncertainty regarding the pool. A pool cover will be put on hold until a decision is made about the future of the pool. This item will be on the agenda for the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Superintendent Moore reported that the Sinking Fund Committee will meet on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. to determine which projects they will recommend to the Board to be done in the summer of 2015 and beyond. The Sinking Fund Committee consist of Tony Johnson, Ken Kahila, Jamie McGuire, Sean Pear, Susan Barnhart, and Bobby Otremba.

Superintendent Moore reported that the Technology Director is working with Convergent Technology to develop specifications for an RFP for a wireless network. The fee to develop the RFP is \$3,300. The hope is to have a wireless network for the entire campus by the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Superintendent Moore provided the Board with a copy of a school safety grant developed in partnership with the local police department. He noted that grant applications require collaboration and extensive work. Superintendent Moore asked that Board members inform him of any grant opportunities they are aware of that the district might pursue.

Superintendent Moore stated that the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce is holding a Black Tie and Blue Jean Gala event on Saturday, January 17, 2015. The cost is \$55 per couple. The speaker is a 1965 OHS graduate. Mr. Moore will forward a copy of the flyer to Board members.

The Board of Education formally acknowledged the updated list of volunteers and the updated fundraising calendar.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose

of a student expulsion hearing, as requested by the parents of student #1415-003. This closed session is allowed

as per Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 –0 vote.

The Board returned to open session at 9:15 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

Motion: by Kahila, supported by Davis, that the Board of Education expel student #1415-003 for up to 180 school days as

recommended by the High School Administration and the Superintendent of Schools. Reinstatement to the

Oscoda Area Schools must be through the Petition Review Committee Process.

Yeas: Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 –0 vote.

**Motion:** by Kellstrom, supported by Reitler, that Board of Education enter into closed session at 9:24 p.m. for the purpose

of discussing employee contract negotiations, as provided for in Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Yeas: Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 - 0 vote.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 10:05 p.m. No action was taken during open session.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.