

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Monday, November 16, 2015**

The November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015 by President Tony Johnson. The meeting was held in the Board of Education Meeting Room located in Oscoda Area High School, 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750. President Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Davis read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

Members Present: Johnson, Davis, Kellstrom, Schlink, Reitler (arrived at 7:45 p.m.)  
Members Absent: Ellis, Kahila

Oscoda Area Schools Content Coach, Linda Skodack, updated the Board on curriculum and technology. Mrs. Skodack demonstrated how using technology in the classroom can engage students. She demonstrated Kahoot, which is a free game-based learning platform that makes it fun to learn. Mrs. Skodack made up questions and asked Board members to answer using a computer or their smart phone. Participants answer multiple choice questions and are awarded points based on the correct answer and how fast they answer the question. The program gives immediate results. This is an example of how technology is improving the curriculum and engaging students. Superintendent Moore stated that the district is looking into programs to help improve the curriculum. Staff members have been looking at curriculum mapping programs. Superintendent Moore hopes to make a financial commitment to purchase such a program by the end of the school year.

**Motion:** by Kahila, supported by Schlink, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which includes: the approval of the Agenda for the November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2015; the tentative minutes of the Facilities Improvement Meeting held on Thursday, October 15, 2015; and the payment of the General Fund checks #11847 through #12081, except for voided checks 11922, 11932, 11939 and 12057, totaling \$771,859.95, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kellstrom, Reitler  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ellis, Kahila, Reitler  
Abstained: None  
Motion declared adopted with a 4 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Schlink, supported by Johnson, that the Board of Education receive the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year audit, as presented by Cindy Scott, Audit Manager, Stephenson, Gracik & Company, as recommended by the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kellstrom, Schlink  
Nays: None  
Absent: Kahila, Reitler, Ellis  
Abstained: None  
Motion declared adopted with a 4– 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Kellstrom, that the Board of Education approve the General Fund budget amendments as presented for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year, as recommended by the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Schools. As directed by the Revised School Code in MCL 388.1618(2), the district “shall make the budget and subsequent revisions available on its website.”

Yeas: Davis, Kellstrom, Schlink, Johnson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Kahila, Reitler, Ellis,  
Abstained: None  
Motion declared adopted with a 4– 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Schlink, supported by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the Food Service Fund budget amendments as presented for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, as recommended by the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Schools. As directed by the Revised School Code in MCL 388.1618(2), the district “shall make the budget and subsequent revisions available on its website.”

Yeas: Kellstrom, Schlink, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Reitler, Ellis, Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 4 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Johnson supported by Schlink, that the Board of Education approve the Sinking Fund budget amendments as presented for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, as recommended by the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Schools. As directed by the Revised School Code in MCL 388.1618(2), the district “shall make the budget and subsequent revisions available on its website.”

Yeas: Schlink, Johnson, Davis, Kellstrom  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Kahila, Reitler, Ellis  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 4 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Schlink, supported by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve the Athletic Bond Capital Projects budget amendments as presented for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, as recommended by the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Schools. As directed by the Revised School Code in MCL 388.1618(2), the district “shall make the budget and subsequent revisions available on its website.”

Yeas: Schlink Johnson, Davis, Kellstrom, Reitler  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Ellis, Kahila,  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Kellstrom, supported by Davis, that the Board of Education approve the following annual summer tax resolution:

**WHEREAS**, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service and sinking fund, upon property located within the school district and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. This Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the "Revised School Code"), hereby invokes for 2016 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service and sinking fund, upon property located within the District and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board and requests each city and/or township in which this District is located to collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which this District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2016 in the amount as specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2016.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of this District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCLA 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink,  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Ellis, Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Schlink, supported by Reitler, that the Board of Education award the bid for Pool Equipment Replacement to the sole bidder, Advanced Pool Services, Inc., in the amount of \$237,500, as recommended by WTA Architects, the Facilities Improvement Committee and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Ellis, Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Kellstrom, supported by Johnson, that the Board of Education approve an increase in wages for substitute bus drivers. Substitute bus drivers will be compensated \$10 per hour for training, meetings, cleaning buses, etc., and \$12 per hour for driving.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink,  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Ellis, Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Reitler, supported by Davis, that the Board of Education approve the two lease agreements between the Oscoda Area Schools and AuSable Valley Community Mental Health, for use of space at Cedar Lake Elementary for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017, at a rate of \$2,250 per month, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Kahila, Ellis  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Senior Class Advisor Jill Williams stated that the proposed two-day senior trip will take the students to Chicago where they will visit the Navy pier, spend the night, and visit Six Flags amusement park the next day. Sixty-six percent of the senior class historically participates in the senior trip, Mrs. Williams anticipates that there will be one chaperone for every two or three students. Chaperone will take turns monitoring the halls and lobby of the hotel all night to make sure that the students are safe and do not leave the premises. The senior class fund will subsidize the cost of the trip. Students will be charged \$120 each. Scholarship opportunities will be made available for any senior that wishes to attend, but cannot afford it.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Reitler, that the Board of Education approve the proposed two-day Senior Class trip to Chicago as presented, and as recommended by the High School Administration.

Yeas: Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Ellis, Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

The Board of Education recessed at 8:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.

President Johnson stated that superintendent evaluation will be done at the December meeting. The evaluation tool will be sent to board members in the next week or so. Board members are asked to complete the evaluation and return it to Sue Barnhart by December 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Barnhart will compile the evaluations. Mr. Moore will gladly meet with any board member in regard to the evaluation.

President Johnson reported that he attended the MASB Annual Leadership Conference in Traverse City, and he got a lot out of the conference. President Johnson took some certification classes and attended some interesting sessions – a presentation on 3D printing, a wellness seminar, a personality analysis on how different personalities work together, and a panel on guns in schools were among them. President Johnson noted that the entire panel discussion is posted on the MASB website, as well as most of the session materials. He learned that the M-Step test is unproven, and MASA, MASB and the MDE don't want to see guns in schools. It was a good weekend for learning. President Johnson has completed Level 3 in the Board Member Certification Program.

President Johnson stated that he will be unavailable to attend the January 11, 2106 organizational and asked that the meeting be rescheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. There were no objections. President Johnson also asked that when scheduling next year's meetings, that April meeting be moved to the third Monday in April.

OHS Assistant Principal Scott Lueck reported on attendance and discipline data for the first marking period. He noted that policies and procedures were implemented in an effort to improve attendance and discipline. Twenty-eight students had 10 days of absence at the end of marking period 1; this is exactly the same as last year. One hundred nineteen students had five days of absence at the end of marking period 1 as opposed to 162 students last year. Ninety-five students received discipline referrals, which is down 41% from last year. Fifty-two students had more than one referral; this is down 42% from last year. The most significant decrease was in classroom disruption, which was down 262%.

Superintendent Moore pointed out that the roof on Cedar Lake Elementary is leaking. The district is looking to find a viable solution for this. Cedar Lake is the oldest building in the district, and needs some attention.

Superintendent Moore stated that the district received only one bid for snow removal and one bid for lawn maintenance. The bid to plow snow was \$20,200 and the bid for lawn maintenance was \$37,800 plus an additional \$29,850 to cut the athletic fields. It is in the districts best interest to do this work in house. John Negro will plow Cedar Lake Elementary for \$95 a plow. The trash removal contract was awarded to Waste Management. This will save the district \$1,000 over two years.

The district is hoping to get the preschool program up and running soon for children that don't qualify for the HeadStart Program or the Great Start Readiness Program. The lead inspection is scheduled to take place November 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Moore reported:

- Laptop are available for students to check out if they don't have a computer at home. A parent letter must be on file.
- The district purchased three 2006 buses with over 177,000 miles for \$16,800, and plans to sell three older buses.
- The Transportation Department received a 100% Certificate of Excellence for Bus Safety
- Rob Huebel and Sam Skandarsky were appointed as volunteer bowling coaches
- RES Teacher Melissa Hutchison was hired to serve as the district's ESL Coordinator. She will be working under the direction of Mr. Negro.
- The district applied for an MDE Robotics grant to participate in a program to build robots. The grant could be as much as \$18,000. RES Teacher Samantha Dinnan agreed to run the program.
- A Synchronized Swim Club is being sponsored by Community Education.
- A floating dietary/custodial position will be posted to help alleviate shortage of substitute in both departments.
- The Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation is once again holding the Lights for Learning fundraiser. A tree lighting ceremony will be held at Mark's Park on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at which time all the names of those honored or memorialized will be read.

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 12, 2015

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Edward Davis, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Oscoda Area Schools