

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Monday, February 8, 2016**

The February 8, 2016 Regular 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, February 8, 2016 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: Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Kellstrom, Schlink, Reitler  
Members Absent: None

Charles Negro, Director of Categorical Funding, updated the Board on categorical funding and his position with the district. He explained that each school building is required to develop a school improvement plan. These plans are incorporated into a district plan, which includes academic goals and behavior goals. The school improvement plan is a guide for improvement in the district. In addition to general fund money, the district gets money from other funding sources. This includes:

- Title IA funding - Federal money, allocated based on the district's census poverty level. The district receives approximately \$500,000 in Title IA funding. This money is earmarked for additional support for students not achieving at a level expected. It also provides funding for the mentoring program. Richardson Elementary School currently has 27 mentors working with 36 students. The High School has a lunch time mentor and five classroom mentors. Title IA funding is used to help fund the district's homeless liaison and to provide specific services to its homeless students. Title 1A funds are used to fund 2 2/3 teachers for academic support, half of the cost of kindergarten teachers, and afterschool workshops, including transportation for the afterschool workshops.

- Title IIA funding - Federal money allocated based on the district's census poverty level. This district's allocation is \$146,000. This money is used for professional development. One-third of the cost of the district's content coach is paid out of Title IIA funding.

- Title VI funding - Federal money allocated for technology-related academic support for teachers and students. The district's allocations this year is \$23,000.

- 31A At-Risk funding – State money allocated based on the district's free and reduced lunch count. This year's allocation is \$440,000. These funds are used to provide academic support to students identified as at-risk. These funds are also used for student behavior support programs. Staff funded with 31A money must submit reports indicating which students they work with. The district monitors the students to determine if the programs provided by 31A funding are working and if the students are making academic gains as a result of these program.

Mr. Negro works with a consultant who monitors how our federal funds are spent. This money cannot be used to replace programs previously provided with general fund money. Any programs or activities funded with federal money must be in the district school improvement plan.

Mr. Negro reported that additional grants can be applied for. This year the district received an \$11,000 technology grant, a \$16,000 early literacy grant, and an \$11,000 STEM grant.

The Board of Education heard no public/general comments.

**Motion:** by Kellstrom, supported by Kahila, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which include: the approval of the Agenda for the February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 18, 2016; the tentative minutes of the closed session held on Monday, January 18, 2016; and the payment of the General Fund checks #12370 through #12489 totaling \$366,910.34 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.

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**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Reitler, that the Board of Education approve the proposed contract between the Oscoda Area Schools and the Oscoda Area United Way for the benefit of the Oscoda Backpack Program, and that the Superintendent be authorized to enter into the contract.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7– 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Reitler, supported by Schlink, that the Board of Education support the recommendation of the North Star League Athletic Directors to not accept Tawas as a member of the North Star League.

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 Kellstrom, that the Board of Education approve the following proclamation, as requested by Up North Prevention:

**WHEREAS**, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems, and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking is a problem that affects our community, our health, and our future. It exacts a terrible toll on individuals, and families, and places a costly tax burden on the community at large for law enforcement, medical services, and other social services involved in the prevention and treatment of underage drinking, and

**WHEREAS**, the center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that, on average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of 4,358 young people under age 21 each year. This includes: 1,580 deaths from motor vehicle crashes, 1,269 from homicides; 245 from alcohol poisoning, falls, burns, and drowning; 492 from suicides, and

**WHEREAS**, youth who start drinking before age 15 years are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21 years, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2012 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth report, of 14 counties of northern Michigan who participated, an average of 26% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 52% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders have been drunk in their lifetime.

**WHEREAS**, one-hundred percent of any alcohol consumed by a minor came from and adult. At one time, an adult over the age of 21 was in control of the alcohol and a minor gained access to it, and

**WHEREAS**, it is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their child's friends to drink alcohol in their home, even with the permission of the friends' parents, and adults have the authority and should have the responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage drinking; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools of Iosco and Alcona Counties do hereby proclaim that April 2016 is Social Host Awareness Month. We also call

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upon all parents, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.

Yeas: Kahila, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Ellis, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

Board members asked that the information about Social Host Awareness Month be posted on the district website, and that a renewed emphasis be placed on this during the month of April.

President Johnson stated that he plans to attend the MSBO Board President Workshop in Lansing on February 29, 2016 if his schedule allows.

Superintendent Moore reported the resignation of OHS teacher and head football coach David LeVasseur. He stated that the process for finding a replacement is underway. The district has one internal candidate and two external candidates. On Monday, February 15, 2106 the external candidates will teach a lesson and then be interviewed for a teaching position. The teaching interview committee consists of Scott Moore, Eric Allshouse, Scott Lueck, Linda Skodack, Tom Vito, and Tony Lopez. The three candidates will then be interviewed for the head football coach position. This interview committee consists of Scott Moore, Eric Allshouse, Scott Lueck, Linda Skodack, Tony Lopez, Dan Schlink, and David Langley.

Superintendent Moore explained that Mr. LeVasseur is not eligible for the buyout because he is not working until the last day of the school year. In order to cover Mr. LeVasseur's classes, the district purchased the planning periods of Matthew McDougall, Tim Lee, Clinton Miller, and Emilie Demicoli.

Superintendent Moore stated that the district has not received a lot of interest in the boys' soccer coaching position. He will ask Mr. Lueck to post the vacancy on the MHSAA website.

The Board of Education acknowledged the resignation of middle school track coaches Samantha Dinnan and Melissa Hutchison, and the hiring of strength and conditioning coach Clinton Miller.

Superintendent Moore reported that the social studies curriculum alignment and standards at the high school are being changed. He distributed a grid showing six tracks for social studies classes. Students would select a track rather than social studies classes. The tracks are:

- Track 1 – Non-Band, Non-Tech Student
- Track 2 – 4-year Band Student
- Track 3 – 2-year Tech Center Student
- Track 4 – 2-year Tech Center and Band Student
- Track 5 – 1-year Tech Center Student
- Track 6 – Early/Middle College Student

Administrators are still working on social studies alignment and standards. When it is finalized, it will be put into the OHS Student Handbook. Board members will approve the handbook prior to the start of next school year.

Superintendent Moore reported that the Hand-in-Hand Awards will be presented at the April meeting. The deadline to nominate candidates for the award is March 1, 2016.

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Superintendent Moore reported that the Finance Director is working on the budget for next school year. The district is projecting no increase in the foundation grant and a loss of 40 students.

Superintendent Moore stated that he plans to have the ceilings at the high school in front of the commons area and the hallway down the 100 wing dry walled. He is also looking into the cost of tiling the commons area in the high school.

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Edward Davis, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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