

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting                      Monday, February 12, 2018**

The February 12, 2018 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 12, 2018 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 Reitler read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

Members Present:                      Ellis, Johnson, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines  
Members Absent:                      None

Superintendent Moore reported that a focus room was initiated at Richardson Elementary School for students to go to when they need to refocus. He explained that there has been an increase in the number of emotionally impaired students, so the district set up its own EI room. This room provides an outlet for the students. It contains a treadmill, elliptical, jump ropes, a heavy bag, mini trampolines that count bounces, and a yoga station. The idea is to integrate physical activity and academics. The room is located in a central location and concrete blocks help keep volume down. All students at the present time using the room have an IEP. Students using the equipment are provided with helmets. Superintendent Moore will email photos of the room to Board members. The room, which started the second week in January, is not yet fully functioning. It is being used on a regular basis by six or seven students. Bethany Grace, a yoga trainer will provide special development for staff to show them how to bring focus to students through the use of yoga. We have encountered a lot of success. Staff are able to use the equipment before or after school. Staff members started dump your plump and there are close to 30 staff members participating. Treasurer Kellstrom stated that he would like all students to have access to this equipment. He also pointed out that he has encouraged the district to expand recess time to help students refocus and be ready to learn. Superintendent Moore stated that adjustments have been made to the staff handbook encouraging teachers to plan field trips if they are valuable and support the curriculum. This district will help with transportation costs. Superintendent Moore noted that teacher have been told that if they feel physical activity would help students, they may take their students outside.

**Motion:**                      by Schlink, supported by Kellstrom that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which includes: the approval of the Agenda for the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2018; and the payment of the General Fund checks #16125 through #16323, totaling \$344,944.77, as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer and the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Superintendent Moore reported that the district received one bid for the purchase of Cedar Lake Elementary. The bid was submitted by Adam Curley and Kenneth Tamm for \$1,111.00. Mr. Tamm sent a letter stating to the Board indicating that he wants to work with the community to provide something useful there. They temporarily plan to use the building for rentals, They do not plan to displace any of the current tenants at Cedar Lake. The district will do its best to help the Baby Pantry and the Food Giveaway find a place to locate.

Treasurer Kellstrom stated that due to the fact the Adam Curley is his brother-in-law, he will abstain from voting.

**Motion:**                      by Ellis, supported by Fulton, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the District has received an offer from Adam Curley and Kenneth Tamm (collectively, the "Purchasers") to purchase real property owned by the District located at 4950 Cedar Lake Road within the Township of Oscoda, Iosco County, Michigan and commonly known as "Cedar Lake Elementary School" (the "Property"), which Property is more fully described in the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Attachment "1"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boar has determined that the Property is no longer necessary for school purposes and that it would be in the best interests of the District to sell the Property to the Purchasers upon the terms and conditions contained in the Purchase Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to authorize and direct Scott M. Moore, the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to execute the Purchase Agreement substantially in the form as Attachment “1”, to make any revisions to the Purchase Agreement not inconsistent with this resolution, and to take any other action to sell the Property, subject to review and approval by the District’s legal counsel.

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

1. The Board hereby authorizes the sale of the Property to the Purchasers.
2. The Board authorizes and directs Scott M. Moore, the Superintendent of Schools or his designee, to execute the Purchase Agreement substantially in the form as Attachment “1”, to make any revisions to the Purchase Agreement not inconsistent with this resolution, and to take any other action to sell the Property, subject to review and approval by the District’s legal counsel.
3. 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, Reitler, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines, Ellis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: Kellstrom  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

Secretary Reitler stated that the sale of Cedar Lake Elementary is bitter sweet. It represents the end of an era, but selling the building is the responsible thing to do.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Reitler, that the Board of Education approve the following proclamation, as requested by Up North Prevention:

**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**, underage drinking has severe consequences, many of which parents and caregivers may not be fully aware. Consequences of underage drinking may include injury or death from accidents; unintended, unwanted, and unprotected sexual activity; academic problems; and drug use; and

**WHEREAS** parents and caregivers have a significant influence on young people’s decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when they create supportive and nurturing alcohol-free environments; 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, and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, educators, and community leaders who work with our young people every day are our best advocates for responsible decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, one-hundred percent of any alcohol consumed by a minor came from an 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

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**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;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, we, the Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools of Iosco and Alcona Counties, an organization of the Counties of Iosco and Alcona, Communities Committed to UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION, do hereby proclaim that April 2018 is Social Host Responsibility Month. We also call 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: Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines, Ellis, Johnson  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

President Johnson stated that the next CASBA meeting will be held at IRESA on March 22, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. Dinner will be served. President Johnson and Superintendent Moore plan to attend.

Trustee Gaines and the Superintendent met with the supervisors of Oscoda and AuSable Townships regarding connecting to the municipal water supply. The cost would be approximately \$90,000. The district could be eligible for a grant of up to \$45,000 to help cover this cost. The district's water at the present time shows lower concentration of PFS in the water. However there are plumes around the district wells, which are monitored on a regular basis. The district is not overly concerned about the water quality at the present time, however it would be good to have the infrastructure in place to connect to the municipal water if that would become necessary. No one can determine how fast or in what direction the plumes will move. The concern is only with the drinking water as there is no known harm from surface contact. Trustee Gaines stated that point of use filtering of water using granular activated charcoal filters is desirable. The DEQ continues to monitor the district's water. Superintendent Moore stated that the district will most likely be borrowing for summer projects. It would be good to get the infrastructure in place to enable the district to connect to the municipal water should it become necessary. Treasurer Kellstrom stated that he would like to have every drinking fountain in the district updated. Superintendent Moore will look into the possibility of replacing the drinking fountains in both buildings. Secretary Reitler suggested that once a price is determined, community members could be asked to sponsor a water fountain for the school. Trustee Gaines stated that the Water Advisory Board is scheduled to meet February 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Trustee Gaines and Superintendent Moore plan to attend that meeting. Vice-President Ellis asked the Superintendent to find out what the cost of point of use filters would be throughout the district.

Treasurer Kellstrom congratulated the wrestling team for winning districts for the second consecutive year. He congratulated the boys and girls bowling teams for being conference champs and heading to regionals. Treasurer Kellstrom stated that both the boys and girls basketball teams have had great seasons.

Superintendent Moore reported:

- Marlana Blamer, Karen MacGregor, and Steven Spenceley submitted paperwork for the voluntary resignation early retirement incentive plan and will be retiring at the end of the school year.
- The administrative team plans to go to job fairs to try to fill the positions. The district wants to hire the best teachers available and will not be searching for particular certifications. Staff can be shifted around if necessary.
- the resignation of bus driver Steven Connors
- the hiring of full-time custodian James Tester
- the hiring of Boys' Soccer Coach Don Axline
- the hiring of Girls' Soccer Coach Christine Byrne
- the hiring of JV Softball Coach Tucker Whitley
- the Board packet was put in a shared drive for members to view. The agenda and resolution record will be printed for each meeting. Board members indicated that they like the shared drive. If Board members need an electronic device, let the Technology Director know. iPad is the direction most Board member prefer. Treasurer Kellstrom stated that he is not interest in taking any electronic device out of the building.

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- he signed an agreement for an easement for the bike path. The County will not plow the bike path, nor is AuSable Township able to do it. Superintendent Moore stated that the district can plow the bike path to Grass Lake Road.
- the deadline to submit names for the Hand-in-Hand Awards is February 28, 2018
- communication with the Road Commission is going well

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

**Motion:** by Kellstrom, supported by Schlink, that the Board of Education enter into closed session at 7:54 p.m. for the purpose of employee contract negotiations, as provided for in Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act

Yeas: Reitler, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines, Ellis, Johnson, Kellstrom

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

The Board returned to open session at 8:37 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Mary Reitler, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Oscoda Area Schools