

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting Monday, March 11, 2019**

The March 2019 Regular Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 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 performed roll call and read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

Members Present: Ellis, Fulton, Johnson, Reitler, Gaines
Members Absent: Kellstrom, Schlink
Student Representative: Alyssa Pike

During program highlights, Superintendent Moore and the Board of Education recognized Coach Tony Lopez for being awarded the Michigan Wrestling Association (MWA) Regional Coach of the Year. This honor was commemorated with the presentation of a wooden art piece signed by the Board of Education and an Oscoda Owls Sweatshirt. The Board and Superintendent shared their praise for Coach Lopez.

There were no Teaching Highlights presented at the March 11, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education heard no General/Public comments.

Motion: by Fulton, supported by Reitler, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which include: the approval of the Agenda for the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday February 11, 2019; and the payment of the General Fund checks #18004 through #18163, except for voided check #18116, totaling \$441,694.56 as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer and the Superintendent of Schools.

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

President Johnson explained that pending legislation may allow school buses to be included in future sinking fund mileages and the Board discussed the idea of waiting for legislative updates prior to approving a sinking fund millage to be considered. Superintendent Moore indicated our bus fleet is older and that Trustee Schlink asked that Superintendent Moore share the point of view that the impending gas tax will impact his personal budget significantly. Further, this could be prohibitive in the future if we choose not to seek the millage in the current election cycle. President Johnson indicated he felt it was more prudent to wait until a future date. Vice President Ellis indicated he felt it worthwhile to wait on passing a sinking fund millage. Trustee Gaines indicated he would prefer to see buses as approved expenditures on the sinking fund. The Board unanimously agreed to postpone a decision on this item. Superintendent Moore indicated this would be a recurring item in the board communications section of future meetings until further notice.

Motion: by Reitler, supported by Gaines, that the Board of Education approve the request of Abbigail Dorr to release her students to attend Alcona Community Schools for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Motion: by Ellis, supported by Fulton, that the Board of Education approve the updated 2018-2019 list of bank account signatures, dated March 11, 2019, as presented and as recommend by the Chief Financial Officer and the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Nays: None
 Absent: Kellstrom, Schlink
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

President Johnson reminded the Board of Education members and those in attendance at the Board Meeting that CASBA would be meeting on March 22, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at IRESA.

Student Representative Alyssa Pike reported that student feedback regarding the recently approved Personal Communication Devices policy has been less than positive. Many students have argued that these policies are hindering their educational success. Student feedback seems to have softened since alternatives have been presented to students.

Superintendent Moore reported the following to the Board of Education during Administrative Communications:

- Superintendent Moore informed the board of the proposed rates received for summer school - \$250 per course for credit advancement/regular courses and \$150 for credit recovery courses. The board indicated they would like to see some language regarding paying for 1 class per summer per student, for 8th – 11th graders.
- Superintendent Moore informed the Board that the Superintendents of the other county wide districts are seeking to obtain a waiver to begin the school year prior to labor day. A CASBA Meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss this option.
- Superintendent Moore announced that the Hand-in-Hand award recipients will be honored before the next regular meeting of the Board of Education on April 8, 2019.
- Superintendent Moore provided a summary report of the Vape Detector Trial that has been going on. It was further reported that we are approaching the end of the trial. It was expressed that the detectors are a deterrent and there have been 9 students caught vaping in the last few weeks. Of those students, 8 were vaping nicotine and 1 was vaping THC. We will continue with this program and order additional vape detectors.
- Superintendent Moore continued the administrative communications indicating that Oscoda Area High School will not have a Junior Varsity softball team this year due to lack of student interest.
- Superintendent Moore indicated that an updated copy of the current district fundraising calendar and volunteers has been provided to the Board of Education in the materials prepared for the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Motion: by Gaines, supported by Fulton, that the Board of Education expel Student # 1819-004 for up to 180 school days, as recommend by the High School Administration and the Superintendent of Schools. Reinstatement to Oscoda Area Schools must be through the Petition Review Committee Process.

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mary Reitler, Secretary
 Board of Education
 Oscoda Area Schools