

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting Monday, March 10, 2014**

The 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, March 10, 2014 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 Mark A. Parent read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

Members Present: Ellis, Parent, Peters, Johnson, Davis Kahila

Members Absent: Peters, Barnhart

Richardson Elementary School Principal Eric Allshouse updated the Board on the i3 (Investing in Innovation) Grant. This is a middle grades leadership development project through the U.S. Department of Education. It is a 4-year grant, with activities beginning in the summer of 2014. Oscoda is one of only six middle schools in Michigan named to be participants in the i3 grant. The goals of the initiative are to commit to high quality middle-grades education through academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational structures and processes, and to increase student achievement for middle schools students. To assist in the process of achieving these goals, the following support will be provided:

- Middle Grades Leadership Training and network meetings for leadership team – 3 in Mt. Pleasant, 1 in conjunction with MAMSE Conference
- On-site Leadership Coach through the Institute for Excellence in Education – 18 days per year for four years
- Edmodo Training and Access online teaching/learning for all staff once a year
- Membership in the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators
- Michigan Association of Middle School Educators 2-day conference – 5 participants per year
- Schools to Watch National Conference – 2 participants per year – 1 free and 1 with a \$1,200 travel stipend
- Schools to Watch Site Training – one time per year
- Michigan Schools to Watch Site Visit – 1 to 5 per year, minimum of 1st year participation required
- Comprehensive Data Analysis
- School Improvement Team Self-Study Staff Survey
- Schools to Watch Self-Study and Rating Rubric
- Vanderbilt Assessment of Leadership (VAL-ED) in Education
- School Leadership Team Focus Groups

The Board of Education is being asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute for Excellence in Education and the Oscoda Board of Education supporting the Middle-Grades Leadership Development grant and the participation of Oscoda Area schools with the grant.

O.E.A. President Kathleen Erickson reported that Rachel Sverid and Sarah Simmons have formed a Spanish Club. They currently have 53 members. Students must maintain a grade of B- or higher to be eligible for the Club. They plan to take a field trip to Central Michigan University later this year.

Richardson Elementary teacher Whitney Dettmer reported that an after school program, Club Code, was started at Richardson Elementary. There are currently 74 participants from grades 1 through 6, 40 of which are girls. The students earn prizes and a t-shirt once they complete 27 activities. If our school is one of the first 1,000 schools to have 15 students complete 27 activities, the school receives \$750. If seven of those are girls, the school receives an additional \$150. Any money earned through Club Code will be used for technology.

Motion: by Ellis, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which include: the approval of the Agenda for the March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2014; the tentative minutes of the Sinking Fund Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 27, 2014; and the payment of the General Fund checks #75140 through #75284, totaling \$257,170.50 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Ellis, Parent, Johnson, Davis, Kahila

Nays: None

Absent: Peters, Barnhart

Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Davis, supported by Parent, that Board of Education enter into an agreement with Wigen Tincknell Meyer & Associates (WTM) to provide civil, architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical design services for sinking fund renovations, as presented and as recommended by the Sinking Fund Committee.

Yeas: Parent, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis
 Nays: None
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

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

WHEREAS, Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$52 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 7 of 8 best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan desires to receive the \$52 per pupil incentive payment.

WHEREAS, the Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan has satisfied at least 7 of 8 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 8 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 2013-14 on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f (2) (b) for mechanic services and for food service management.
- 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 monitors individual pupil academic growth in each subject area at least twice during the school year using competency based online assessments pursuant to Section 22f(2)(d) and reports the results to the pupil and his or her parent or guardian.
- The district supports opportunities for pupils to receive postsecondary credit while attending secondary school pursuant to Section 22f(2)(e).
- The district offers online courses or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils and publish course syllabi pursuant to Section 22f(2)(f).
- 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(2)(g). 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.

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: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent
 Nays: None
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Kahila, supported by Ellis, that Board of Education approve the lease agreement between the Oscoda Area Schools and Ray's Gym, for use of the Cedar Lake Elementary School gymnasium and adjoining restrooms for one year, from April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent
 Nays: None
 Absent: Barnhart, Peters
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Ellis, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education approve the agreement with Tawas Area Schools to share their food service director for three years beginning July 1, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2017, as proposed and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent
 Nays: None
 Absent: Barnhart, Peters
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Davis, supported by Ellis, that Board of Education approve the agreement with Tawas Area Schools for bus maintenance service for three years beginning July 1, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2017, as proposed and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Johnson
 Nays: None
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Ellis, supported by Parent, that Board of Education approve the reimbursement of up to \$300 from the General Fund Athletic Budget to the girls and boys bowling team for lodging, meals and travel for the coach and the bowlers attending the State bowling finals.

Yeas: Davis, Ellis, Parent, Johnson, Kahila,
 Nays: None
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Johnson, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education approve the proposed 2013-2014 O.E.A. Merit Pay Plan as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Ellis, Johnson, Davis, Kahila
 Nays: Parent
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 4 – 1 vote.

Motion: by Kahila, supported by Ellis, that Board of Education approve the proposed 2013-2014 O.A.A. Merit Pay Plan as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis
 Nays: Parent
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 4 – 1 vote.

Motion: by Johnson, supported by Parent, that Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute for Excellence in Education and the Oscoda Board of Education supporting the Middle-Grades Leadership Development grant and the participation of Oscoda Area schools with the grant.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent
 Nays: None
 Absent: Peters, Barnhart
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Johnson, supported by Kahila, that 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, alcohol kills 6.5 times more young people than ALL other illicit drugs combines, and usage among teens often accompanies traffic fatalities, suicides, unprotected sex, drug use, and other high risk behaviors and illegal activity, and alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10-24: motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the threat to their long-term development and well-being, including damage to the memory and learning centers of the brain, which does not stop developing until the age of 25, and

WHEREAS, Michigan ranked 16th in the percentage of alcohol consumed by underage youth (with one being the highest), and

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

WHEREAS, in Michigan it is estimated that underage alcohol use costs the citizens of Michigan \$2.1 billion, translating to a cost of \$2,084 per year for each youth or \$3.18 per drink consumed underage, and underage drinkers consumed 16.5% of all alcohol sold in Michigan, and

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 Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education of Iosco and Alcona Counties do hereby proclaim that April 2014 is Social Host Awareness 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: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent
 Nays: None
 Absent: Barnhart, Peters
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

President Johnson reported that the Sinking Fund Committee is looking into the feasibility of borrowing on the sinking fund revenue to enable the district to complete energy saving projects sooner.

President Johnson reported that the next CASBA meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at IRESA.

Superintendent Moore reported that OHS Principal Steven W. Kennedy will retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

The Board of Education acknowledged the resignations of Varsity Softball Coach Andrew Bergquist and Junior Varsity Softball Coach Deke Hurlburt.

The Board of Education acknowledged the hiring of part-time Richardson Elementary Paraprofessional Melissa Diem, OHS Boys Track Coach Barak Henderson, OHS Girls Track Coach Morgan Potts, and Junior Varsity Baseball Coach Tyler Beglin.

Superintendent Moore announced that Director of Categorical Funding Charles Negro was presented the first ever Sustainability Award by the Institute for Excellence in Education.

Superintendent Moore reported that Bus Driver Joan Nowakowski requested a second six-month medical leave of absence without pay. This is the final extension afforded to her under the Master Agreement with Local #1545.

Superintendent Moore stated that preliminary reports indicate that the spring 2014 student count will be approximately 1198. This is down 36 students from the fall count.

Superintendent Moore announced that the Hand-in-Hand Awards will be presented at the April 14, 2014 Board Meeting.

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.