

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting                      Monday, July 14, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014 by Board 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 Parent read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

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

Oscoda High School Assistant Principal Scott Lueck reported on the revised attendance policy. No students lost credit due to the revised attendance policy. Twenty-eight students were denied credit because of attendance, but all of those students were able to earn the credit by testing out or by completing on-line classes. Mr. Lueck reported that an unintended consequence of the revised attendance policy were that some students dropped out of school. However, he pointed out that the compulsory attendance age has been raised to 18 in Michigan.

O.E.A. President Kathleen Erickson reported on the summer school programs at Oscoda Area Schools. She reported that 60 students are enrolled in the K-5 summer school program. Fifty students take advantage of school bus transportation. Students attend Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The students spend a half hour each day with a math buddy and a half hour with a reading buddy. Kindergarten students are partnered with second graders, first graders are partnered with fourth graders, and third graders are partnered with fifth graders. Students are enjoying the program, which ends July 31, 2014. The High School program is online. Teachers are available at the high school Monday through Thursday mornings to help student that are having difficulty with their classes.

The Board of Education heard no public/general comments.

**Motion:**                      by Ellis, supported by Peters, that Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which include: the approval of the Agenda for the July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, June 9, 2014; the tentative minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, June 16, 2014; and the payment of the General Fund checks #75745 through #75889, totaling \$534,714.63 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas:                              Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays:                              None  
 Absent:                            Kahila  
 Abstained:                      None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Motion:**                      by Barnhart, supported by Peters, that Board of Education approve granting one-quarter (1/4) credit per semester for 2<sup>nd</sup> period Excel/Intervention classes at OHS as recommended by the High School Administration and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas:                              Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Ellis  
 Nays:                              None  
 Absent:                            Kahila  
 Abstained:                      None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Motion:**                      by Ellis, supported by Peters, that Board of Education approve increasing the graduation requirements for the Class of 2017 from 22 credits to 22.5 credits and for the Class of 2018 and Classes thereafter from 22 credits to 23 credits, as recommended by the High School Administration and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Ellis  
 Nays: Parent  
 Absent: Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 1 vote.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Parent, that Board of Education approve the lease agreement between the Oscoda Area Schools and Northeast Community Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA), for the use of four (4) classrooms at Richardson Elementary School, for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at a rate of \$8,500 per year per classroom, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Ellis, Parent, Peters  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Johnson, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education approve the lease agreement between the Oscoda Area Schools and Michigan Alliance for Families, for the use of Room 20 at Cedar Lake Elementary School for office space for the period of August 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of \$250 per month, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Ellis, that Board of Education authorize the Finance Director to open bank accounts at Huron Community Bank, as necessary.

Yeas: Davis, Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Parent, that Board of Education authorize the Finance Director to close the bank accounts at PNC Bank once the transition to Huron Community Bank is completed.

Yeas: Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Peters, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education approve the 2014-15 School Year Bank Account Signature Authorizations as presented, as recommended by the Director of Finance and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Kahila  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

President Tony Johnson went over the results of the MASB Board Self-Assessment. He noted that four board terms are expiring in December. He does not intend to do much with the report until next year. Board members indicated that the board is weak in data driven decisions and community engagement advocacy. President Johnson stated that he intends to use the information from the self assessment to set up some type of professional development for board members to help them feel more confident in the job they are doing. President Johnson thanked all board members for taking the time to complete the survey.

Superintendent Moore reported that the only applicant for the position of Director of Operation and Plant declined an interview. Mr. Moore anticipates posting the position again.

The Board of Education acknowledged the hiring of Parent Outreach Liaison Linda Stemen, and part-time, year-round Custodian Robby Kimsel.

The Board of Education acknowledged the resignations of RES Teacher Debra Caudill, Bus Driver Sandra C. Williams, and Temporary, Long-Term Substitute Custodian Daniel Tarras.

Superintendent Moore reported that the sinking fund project is progressing nicely. There is a possibility of doing something to preserve the asphalt.

Superintendent Moore reported that refunding the 2005 bonds can potentially save the district \$624,834. The bond cannot be refunded as a Tax-Exempt Bond until February 2015 at the earliest. If there are no objections by the Board, Superintendent Moore will proceed with the process to refund the bonds.

**Motion:** by Johnson, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee contract negotiations, as provided for in Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Yeas: Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Ellis

Nays: None

Absent: Kahila

Abstained: None

Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 0 vote.

The Board returned to open session at 8:21 p.m. No decisions were made during closed session.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.