

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Monday, August 11, 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, August 11, 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: Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)  
Members Absent: None

Director of Categorical Funding Charlie Negro reported that 15 Richardson Elementary teachers, 16 High School teachers, and four administrators attended a very intensive three-day workshop called Reading Apprenticeship. This program focuses on the students' ability to read critically and to write about and to discuss texts in a range of disciplines. The framework for this approach starts from the premises of engaging students affectively as well intellectually to develop skills required for becoming confident, critical and independent readers and thinkers. Oscoda High School Teacher Valorie Moeller reported that she and three other teachers attended a year-long Reading Apprenticeship training last year. She was able to incorporate the strategies she learned into her classroom, such as giving students a choice, making small trips to the library, and silent sustained reading. Mrs. Moeller implemented silent sustained reading in her classroom, which increased from 5 minutes at the beginning of the class to 12 minutes by the end of the school year. Students were reading more and talking about the books they were reading. NWEA test results indicate that between 70%-75% of her students met their reading goal and became more independent readers. goals couldn't get specific data – probably between 70-75% met their reading goal and becoming more independent readers. The Reading Apprenticeship Program is student driven. It provides a way to get students to think deeper and to ask more questions about the content they are reading. Mrs. Moeller is excited about the number of staff member trained. She stressed that point that the teachers need time to collaborate and hopes to be able to share strategies during morning professional development time to keep the program. She stated that this was one of the best programs that she has ever attended.

The Board of Education heard no public/general comments.

**Motion:** by Parent, supported by Peters, that Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which include: the approval of the Agenda for the August 11, 2014; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, July 14, 2014; and the payment of the General Fund checks #75890 through #75973, totaling \$311,221.76 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Parent, that Board of Education adopt the following resolution calling for the regular school election:

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to the Michigan Election Law, the regular school election is required to be held in November of even numbered years;

2. It is necessary to conduct the District's regular election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to fill one or more Board positions; and

3. On or before Tuesday, August 12, 2014, the Board is required to certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The regular school election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

2. The Election Coordinator is hereby requested to:

a. Utilize the Oscoda Press, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the district, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.

3. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Barnhart, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the refunding of all or a portion of the District's 2005 Bonds via competitive sale as drafted by legal counsel and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Finance.

Yeas: Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Peters, supported by Ellis, that Board of Education approve the hiring of RES Teacher Mark D. Whitley, effective August 22, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Administrative Team. Criminal background checks are current and on file in the Board of Education Office.

Yeas: Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Peters  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Johnson, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education approve the hiring of RES Teacher Samantha E. Dinnan, effective August 22, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Administrative Team, pending receipt of criminal background checks.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Parent, that Board of Education approve the hiring of RES Teacher Melissa Hutchison, effective August 22, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and the Administrative Team, pending receipt of criminal background checks.

Yeas: Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education increase the cost of basic hot lunches and premium lunches at Oscoda High School by 5 cents, as required by law and as recommended by the Food Service Director and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Kahila, Ellis, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis,  
 Nays: Parent  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 1 vote.

Band director Karen Lopez discussed a trip she would like to take band member on during spring break. The proposed trip is to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from April 9 through April 12, 2015. Students will enjoy educational and fun activities such as white water rafting, hike to top of Old Smoky, performing at the Titanic Museum in Pigeon Forge, and much more. The cost of the trip is \$700.00 per student. Student will have an opportunity to raise money for the trip through fundraising program.

**Motion:** by Kahila, supported by Parent, that Board of Education approve the band trip to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tennessee from April 9 through April 12, 2015 as proposed by the Band Director and recommended by the High School Administration and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education approve the additional lease agreement between the Oscoda Area Schools and AuSable Valley Community Mental Health, for the use of three (3) classrooms at Cedar Lake Elementary School, for the period of September 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015, at a rate of \$1,000 per month, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education approve the lease agreement between the Oscoda Area Schools and Anchor Baptist Church, for the use of one classroom at Cedar Lake Elementary School for the period of August 12, 2014 through August 11, 2015 at a rate of \$250 per month, as presented and as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Peters, that Board of Education approve the Oscoda High School student handbook as presented and as recommended by the Administrative Team and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Peters  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education approve the Richardson Elementary School student handbook as presented and as recommended by the Administrative Team and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Davis, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education approve sending up to two (2) Board Members to the 2014 MASB Annual Fall Conference, to be held November 6-9, 2014 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI, and to be reimbursed as per the Board Policy Bylaws.

Yeas: Davis, Kahila, Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Ellis, supported by Kahila, that Board of Education Board of Education name Ed Davis as a delegate and Tony Johnson as an alternate to the MASB Delegate Assembly which will begin on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI.

Yeas: Kahila, Davis, Ellis, Parent, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 7 – 0 vote.

**Motion:** by Johnson, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education approve an attendance incentive of \$150.00 for perfect attendance and \$75.00 for outstanding attendance for OAA, OEA, Local #1545, OSA and Central Office employees for the 2014-2015 school year. The maximum paid to Local #1545 employees eligible for sick day accumulation payment under Article 20 (4) of their Master Agreement combined with the attendance incentive shall not exceed \$150.00 for perfect attendance or \$75.00 for outstanding attendance.

Yeas: Ellis, Peters, Barnhart, Johnson, Davis, Kahila  
 Nays: Parent  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declared adopted with a 6 – 1 vote.

A Policy Committee Meeting was scheduled for Friday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. Tony Johnson, Michael Barnhart, and Don Ellis are on the Policy Committee.

Superintendent Moore stated that the staff Welcome Back will be held on Monday, August 25, 2014. He would like to offer staff a pancake breakfast as the Board and Administrators did last year, from 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Any Board member able to help with the cooking should be at the school at 6:15 p.m.

The Board of Education acknowledged the list of probationary teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Board of Education acknowledged the 2014-15 list of volunteers and fundraising calendar.

Superintendent Moore reported that the Sinking Fund work is progressing nicely. The unsafe and unhealthy environment in the south end of the high school is being taken care of this year. The main project should be done before school starts, except for the wing looking out at the practice football field. Work will continue in that wing, but should not be disruptive to students. In addition, a new boiler is being installed at Richardson Elementary School. Superintendent Moore stated that Sinking Fund Committee approved some additional projects to be done with Sinking Fund money. Two rooms at Richardson Elementary School will have mildewed carpet replaced with tile. The student parking lot will be repaired and seal coated. This will entail using some general fund money and some sinking fund money. A walkway will be installed at the athletic complex from the parking lot to the concession stand to make that facility ADA compliant. Trustee Davis asked how the district plans to communicate Sinking Fund projects to the community. Superintendent Moore stated that the plan is to have a flyer available at open house, have information in the "School Observer", information on Facebook, talk to parents at Blue & White Night, and talk to the student body at both buildings the first day of school. Superintendent Moore reported that the final asbestos report was received last week.

**Motion:** by Johnson, supported by Barnhart, that Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:09 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, Kahila, Ellis  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Abstained: None  
 Motion declare adopted with a 7-0 vote

The Board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. No decisions were made during closed session.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Mark A. Parent, Secretary  
 Board of Education  
 Oscoda Area Schools