

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education
Special Meeting Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

The Special Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 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 Tony Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Secretary Mark A. Parent read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

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

Administrators Present: Scott M. Moore, Superintendent of Schools

Student Representative Present: None

The Board of Education heard no public/general comments.

The first presentation of Policy #5200 – Attendance was made to the Board of Education. Secretary Parent expressed his objection to taking credit away from a student simply due to attendance. He pointed out that attendance affects a student's grade. President Johnson stated that the Policy Committee insisted that the attendance policy provide students with an opportunity to make up absences, as well as an appropriate appeal process. Superintendent Moore noted that it will be very difficult for students to lose credit under the proposed attendance policy. High School Assistant Principal Scott Lueck stated that earning credit in a class should be viewed as a two-part process – students need to be in attendance, and they need to achieve an acceptable grade to earn the credit. Holding students accountable for attendance instills a positive work ethic.

President Johnson reported that he, Trustee Davis, Superintendent Moore, OHS Principal Steve Kennedy and Finance Director Sean Pear met with Rep. Peter Pettalia last week. Rep. Pettalia stated that Governor Snyder is open to new ideas and ways to fund education. He asked that the district write a letter suggesting things that could be done to help with school funding. Superintendent Moore plans to write a letter to Rep. Pettalia that includes the following suggestions:

- allow schools to use sinking fund dollars for technology
- provide funding incentive for year-round school
- provide debt relief for vacant school buildings

Superintendent Moore asked Board members to let him know by January 31, 2014 if they have any objection to him writing such a letter.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7: 40p.m.

Mark A. Parent, Secretary
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