

**Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education
Special Meeting Thursday, March 8, 2018**

The March 8, 2018 Special Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018 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 read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

Members Present: Johnson, Kellstrom, Reitler, Schlink, Gaines
Members Absent: Ellis, Fulton

President Johnson stated that public/general comments will be taken at the end of the meeting.

Motion: by Kellstrom, supported by Schlink that the Board of Education expel student #1718-004 for up to 180 days as recommended by the High School Administration and the Superintendent of Schools. Re-entry into the Oscoda Area Schools must be through the Petition Review Committee process.

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

Superintendent Moore stated that, with encouragement from Congressman Kildee's office, the United States Department of Agriculture is working with the district on a grant to assist with the cost of connecting to the municipal water supply. The grant will pay up to 55% of the cost of the project. The district's water supply is not currently showing high numbers of pfas – the levels are consistent with the municipal water supply. The district is pursuing a grant due to the migration of the plumes.

Trustee Gaines showed a map of the district campus and the area north of the campus. The map showed where the district's wells are located as well as where monitoring wells are located. The map also indicates where higher levels of pollution are located and areas of concern.

Trustee Gaines stated that in the spring of 1984 the Air Force was called to the district to put out fire. They used a foam which contained fluorochemical ingredients known today to include the toxic substances PFOS and PFOA. The EPA has set a lifetime health advisory (LTHA) level for two PFAS in drinking water: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). The LTHA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and PFOS combined. The district's water is well under these limits and we are not overly concerned with the water quality at the present time. However, the plumes appear to be migrating toward the river. Because no one is sure about where the plumes will migrate or how long it will take them to migrate, the district wants to mitigate any risk to students. It will cost approximately \$100,000 to connect to the municipal water supply and approximately \$30,000 a year for water. The district hopes to be able to use the well water for irrigation and in the pool, as there is no risk in body surface contact.

Trustee Gaines noted that the well supplying water to bus garage and the practice fields some months ago showed relatively high levels of pfas. Mrs. Bush of the Health Department recommended that the district cease using water from this well. Alternate water sources were provided at the bus garage and at the practice fields. Providing an alternate water source to OHS and to RES would cost approximately \$1,800 per month, and is not necessary at the present time. Our students are not drinking contaminated water.

Superintendent Moore stated that the district is working with its architect and the Spicer Group to get plans drawn up for the project.

Superintendent Moore stated that the district is looking at having 22 new drinking fountains with filters installed this summer. Trustee Schlink asked why go to municipal water if the fountains are going to have filters. Trustee Gaines stated that the filters are made of granulated activated charcoal, and Superintendent Moore stated that they are quite expensive. Treasurer Kellstrom stated that the district should act now while there is a chance of getting a grant for 55% of the cost of the project.

President Johnson stated that there has been a public outcry for security in our schools. The district has good and positive things in place and conducts drills. There is no guaranteed way to provide 100% protection to our students. If someone wants to do harm, they will find a way regardless of any security measures the district may have in place. Superintendent Moore stated that the current trend in education is to have the buildings locked during the school day. It is prudent of us to look at some security systems and get them in place as soon as possible. Our architects and engineers need to have approval in order to get this on the summer construction schedule. The architect provided drawings for a secure vestibule at RES which would contain a buzzer system. This could be done at relatively little cost. The cost to put a secure vestibule in at OHS would be a very expensive proposition. A buzzer system with a monitor at the high school would cost \$3,000 plus an additional \$5,000 in doors and hardware. The county may have funds available to help with the cost of stepping up security in our school buildings.

Secretary Reitler asked for Sheriff MacGregor's view on the design of OHS. He stated that there are way too many entry points. There should be one entry point. Trustee Gaines asked how emergencies would be handled and Sheriff MacGregor stated that people can always go out of doors, but could not get in. It was noted that the buzzer system would only be in place during the school day. Trustee Gaines asked if it would be prudent to have an armed officer on campus at entry and exit times. Superintendent Moore stated that the Township police usually has a cruiser in the general area at the beginning of the day. The county and the township are looking at pursuing a millage to get law enforcement personnel in the schools. Sheriff MacGregor stated that he would like to see an officer in the school at all times.

Trustee Schlink stated that a buzzer system at RES makes sense. He noted that the OHS lunch room is completely vulnerable, and there is a lot of glass all around the building. Treasurer Kellstrom noted that an intruder would not use the buzzer system. He feels that a buzzer system does nothing to keep students safe. We owe it to the district to look at the best way of protecting our children. He pointed out that he has not had an opportunity to discuss security with the principals and would like to have more discussions rather than try to get it included in this summer's projects. Trustee Schlink agreed stating that he would like to consult with security specialists and law enforcement personnel. Trustee Schlink noted that Mike Munyon is big into security. He taught self-defense to some of the teachers at Alcona Schools and trained them how to disarm an intruder as well as ways to handle a variety of situations.

Superintendent Moore stated that the secure vestibule at RES will cost somewhere in the area of \$45,000. Hopefully we can get assistance with the cost of this. President Johnson stated that we can dream of all kinds of scenarios and discuss how any system can be averted, but we need to do something to secure our schools.

Cathy Wusterbuarth a member of the NOW water activist group addressed the Board. She indicated that the district is doing an adequate job of monitoring its water. She stated that the group believes that pfas of 70 parts per trillion is too high and would like to see this number lowered. She cautioned the district to be cognizant of numbers when considering the water to use in the pool.

Motion: by Reitler, supported by Kellstrom that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan hereby authorizes and empowers Superintendent Scott M. Moore to take all action necessary or appropriate:

1. To obtain for and on behalf of the Oscoda Area Schools Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Governmental agency a grant in a sum not to exceed \$66,000; to be advanced by the grantor in one or more advances at such time or times as may be agreed upon.

2. In case of a grant:
- a. For the execution of such application or applications (including exhibits, amendments and/or supplements thereto) as may be required.
 - b. For the execution and delivery to the grantor of all such written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such grant; and
 - c. In his judgment to carry out the terms of this resolution.

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

Motion: by Schlink, supported by Johnson that the Board of Education approve the construction of a secure entry vestibule at Richardson Elementary School with a camera/buzzer system.

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

Motion: by Gaines, supported by Schlink that the Board of Education approve the installation of a camera/buzzer system at the main entrance to Oscoda High School.

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Mary Reitler, Secretary
 Board of Education
 Oscoda Area Schools