

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS**  
**Muskegon, Michigan 49442**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

- a. Call to Order  
*Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by T. Joppie.*
- b. Roll Call  
*Members Present: T. Joppie, J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, S. Horsly, A. Brown, J. Eggeman*  
*Members Absent: L. Nelson*

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Consent Agenda Items

- Modification/Approval of Agenda
  - March 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of the Minutes
  - March 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Work Session Meeting
- Report & Payment of Bills
  - District Financials February, 2024
  - Head Start Financials February, 2024

*Motion to modify/approve all March 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman*

*Support: C. Bankhead*

*Carried: 6-0*

e. Cardinal Pride/One Good Thing

- Jim Nielsen, Superintendent, told the board that our ILC had a donation of work out equipment. They're going to turn a classroom into a weight room.
- Joshua Smith, OVMS, said that 8th grade basketball is in the playoffs right now. 7th grade lost in playoffs today. 10 wrestlers finished in the top 4 for their weight class. We also had one come in first place!
- Nick Kunnen, ILC, shared that Jo Johnson and Linda Ferry over the last two months have been able to award credits for 50 courses that have been completed by students coming in. That's a pretty significant number in their world and they are
- Brandy Carey, Community Education, stated that our travel department had a record selling day with more than \$30,000 in one day last week.
- Samantha Wilson, OVHS, shared that SAT prep sessions began at OVHS today. The OVHS Revue Show is this week. Aaron James is here tonight. He is the new behavior specialist at the HS.
- Aaron James, behavior specialist at OVHS, gave a quick intro about himself. He was born and raised in Muskegon, attended Muskegon Public, played football in several places, and was most recently the behavior specialist for Mona Shores. He will also be the head football coach. James stated that students need love and want to be appreciated. We're going to give it to them.
- Heather MacDonald, Cardinal Elementary, reported that last Friday was a great day of collaboration with OVEE. Also, about 460 people attended their March is Reading Month kickoff event. The kids had fun and the parents enjoyed it immensely. Shout out to staff for coming!
- John Simila, OVEE, presented that there is a space on the playground that is not utilized much. They got bids for an outdoor classroom. Also, they have a masked reader team for March is Reading Month. One more thing, they have a school cookbook where the classrooms came up with their own recipes and the kids put together the book for a PTO fundraiser.
- Tom Hamilton Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director, got a really nice shout out from the ISD from having people come in and observe Stephanie Lewis teach a lesson. They were amazed at how independent the kids were.

- Jim Nielsen, Superintendent, also wanted to mention again that the FIRST Robotics competition was a huge success. We had 40 teams from 40 schools attend from as far away as the Detroit area. Robotics Gameday covered the playoffs of the event live and there is a link on YouTube. We are especially thankful to our custodial staff and kitchen staff for helping make this event possible.

February Student of the Month

- James Gluc III – Community Education, Brandy Carey/Shanda Willea

March Student of the Month

- Sha’Nya Sanders – OVEE, Beth Ackley/Ron Gates
- Levi Cooper – Cardinal EL., Heather MacDonald/E’lyse Benson
- Jayla Savage-Ross – OVMS, Joshua Smith/Mike Dodge
- Chase Bridenstine – OVHS, Samantha Wilson/Hal Holman
- Dawson Duron – Community Education, Nick Kunnen

f. Public Comment

*none*

**II. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Jack Timmer, Facility Director, gave an update on the arch installation at Cardinal Elementary. Saturday, Port City installs the electrical. Over Spring Break, they’ll work on installing the sign itself. They are waiting on brick and hoping it will be done by the end of April.

**III. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Approve March Personnel Change Form

*Motion to approve the staff changes per the February Personnel change spreadsheet as presented:*

*Motion: C. Bankhead*

*Support: J. Eggeman*

*Carried: 6-0*

- b. A-91 Cardinal Elementary North Parking Lot Renovation

*Motion to approve A-91 to Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$252,000 for the renovation of the north Cardinal parking lot-including the drain and drive to football field, removal of cement walkways, and new striping.*

*Motion: J. Taylor*

*Support: J. Eggeman*

*Carried: 6-0*

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S ITEMS:**

- a. The County School Board Dinner is scheduled for April 17, 2024. Please be sure Gretchen knows whether or not you plan to attend.
- b. We have been asked to reschedule Adult Education Graduation from May 30, 2024 to May 29, 2024. Most Board Members indicated that they are able to attend on that revised date so we will make that change. Angela Brown will be the speaker.
- c. OVHS Graduation is scheduled for June 2, 2024. Cynthia Bankhead will be the speaker.

**V. BOARD PRESIDENT’S ITEMS:**

A question was asked for clarification regarding Boys and Girls Club. Brandy is writing for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants. We are waiting to hear back on that in mid April.

**VI. BOARD MEMBERS’ ITEMS:**

Janet Taylor wondered if anyone saw the FaceBook post where a class tally marked the number of times their phone went off during class. Shed like to discuss again not allowing cell phones to be used in the classroom. We may be able to discuss that at the next work session.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn

*Motion to adjourn:*

*Motion: C. Bankhead*

*Support: J. Taylor*

*Carried: 6-0*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by T. Joppie.*