

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
16 N. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442
OVHS Community Room
August 19, 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, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown
Members Absent: J. Eggeman
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Consent Agenda Items

- i. Modification/Approval of Agenda
 - August 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- ii. Approval of the Minutes
 - August 05, 2024 Committee of the Work Session Meeting
- iii. Report & Payment of Bills
 - District Financials July, 2024
 - Head Start Financials July, 2024

Motion to modify/approve all August 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:

Motion: C. Bankhead

Support: J. Taylor

Carried: 6-0

- e. Cardinal Pride

Heather MacDonald, principal at Cardinal Elementary, shared that the Annual Open House/Block Party will be held this Thursday evening at Cardinal.

Megan Johnson, coprincipal at Orchard View Early Elementary, was excited to tell the Board about the Boohoo/Woohoo Breakfast for parents that will be held at OVEE. Tim Hortons donated the coffee and donuts for this event.

- f. Public Comment

Bob Temple, 1927 Kregel, Muskegon, MI 49442

He is Caitlynn Christianson's grandfather. He has worked for a school district for 32 years. She is devastated, she's been working here since she was 14 years old. He thinks we are losing our investment and she's on paid administrative leave and she has been predetermined guilty. He spent a lot of time in public education. There are red flags and this is not as serious as what it should have been. Childcare has been disrupted for a rush to judgment. Tomorrow morning, he will deliver Caitlynn's letter of resignation to Mr. Nielsen. This is wrong. Something was done that was not right. Eighty percent of the time it's a structural problem, not an employee problem.

Sarah Moore, 2246 Stein St., Muskegon, MI 49441

Sarah lives in Muskegon Public Schools, but her children attend Orchard View on Schools of Choice. Her daughter has been at OV Childcare since she was 4 months old, almost 4 years ago. She's had nothing but positive experience with the staff. She doubts the capacity of the current district leader. She is disappointed in the future of the program.

Lindsay Hindman, 3950 Thona St. Muskegon, MI 49444

She came to say what Sarah said. Trusting anyone with your fragile child is difficult. Her daughter has been a part of this program for 4-5 years. Her child only attended OV because of this program.

Ashley Forest, 530 Suelane St., Muskegon, MI 49442

Ashley intentionally bought a home in this district. Last week, when she picked up her child, Caitlynn was sitting in her car crying. She's dug into our program. We are at risk because we are out of ratio. She suggests that we pull the records to check staff being tested, CPR certified, and fingerprinted. Tuesday, she emailed Caitlynn. Her email bounced back. The toddler room is out of ratio. She's a business owner and she gets it. Staff members and parents are outraged. She left and went to Catholic, she brought her kids back to OV because of Brandy Carey. She pays \$1,000 plus a month for childcare. The staff has all been assaulted by her child. She wants to know who is the point of contact.

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Stadium Renovation – Sub committee
Going through the line items, we are down to \$1.6 maximum. We can do \$330,000 in Fiscal 25, \$330,000 in Fiscal 26. Fencing and lighting could come out of tech and security funds. Huntington is around 4.5% (see attached chart). We'd have to go for an RFP, but it's not for a vote.

III. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to move into Closed Session for a suspension/expulsion/reinstatement hearing

Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: T. Joppie, J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown

Nays: none

Motion to move in to Closed Session passed by a 6-0 vote.

Move into Closed Session @ 7:04 p.m.

- b. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing for Student MM242802D

Motion to move into Open Session:

Motion: J. Taylor Support: C. Bankhead

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown, T. Joppie

Nays: none

Motion to move in to Open Session passed by a 6-0 vote.

Resume Open Session @ 7:36 p.m.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. August Personnel Change Form
Motion to approve staff changes per the August Personnel change sheet as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor Support: L. Nelson Carried: 6-0
- b. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement for Student MM242802D
Motion to Reinstate Student MM242802D.
Motion: L. Nelson Support: C. Bankhead
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote.
Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown, T. Joppie
Nays: none
- c. Stadium Renovations
Motion to approve Stadium Renovations as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor Support: C. Bankhead Carried: 6-0

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. New Teacher Orientation August 21, 2024 @ 7:30 a.m. @ OVHS community room
- b. All Staff Orientation August 26, 2024 @ 7:30 a.m. OVHS auditorium
- c. First Day of School for Students Tuesday, August 27, 2024
- d. Superintendent Evaluation Training is being offered on Thursday, August 22, 2024 @ 5:30-8:30 p.m. at MAISD Great Lakes Conference Room. We are going to wait until after the election and set up a separate time for Orchard View, maybe in January or February.

- e. Red and Gray Night is tomorrow night. We will meet at the track near the concession stand entrance around 6 p.m.
- f. In the current investigation, Superintendent Nielsen is trying to do the right thing. He will follow up tomorrow with a contact person.
- g. Prior to the Oakridge vs Orchard View football game, we will be hosting a cookout for both staffs who will be attending the game. Board members/families are welcome to attend.

VI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

- a. Angela Brown stated that Shanda did offer some of her preschool staff to help out in childcare prior to the school year starting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: J. Taylor

Support: C. Bankhead

Carried: 6-0