

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

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 16, 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, J. Eggeman*

*Members Absent: none*

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Consent Agenda Items

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- November 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

iii. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials November, 2024
- Head Start Financials November, 2024

*Motion to modify/approve all December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman*

*Support: L. Nelson*

*Carried: 7-0*

e. Cardinal Pride

i. One Good Thing

- *Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, shared that she and Jeremy went to an OST conference last week. She happened to be paired with a lady who went through Orchard View Community Education and is now working on her master's degree. What a coincidental meeting and it shows that you never know the impact of a program on someone.*
- *Megan Johnson, Orchard View Early Elementary Principal, stated that this is Beth Ackley's last week after 38+ years. Many people shared memories and gratitude on a Facebook post. Some of the stronger themes were that she's been a mentor, had high expectations for students and families, and has been a friend.*
- *Samantha Wilson, Orchard View High School Principal, told us that as the high school is moving into the second semester, there will be a new podcasting class starting up with support from the technology department. Niesha Millis will be the teacher. Students can earn ELA credit for the class.*
- *Joshua Smith, Principal at Orchard View Middle School, gave a shout out to the middle school competitive cheer team. They are phenomenal! Mr. Norkus is at Ravenna watching them compete right now. Also, OVMS is a finalist for a Distinguished School Award. Josh and Tom Hamilton will travel to their conference in Florida this week at no cost to the district.*

ii. November Student of the Month

- Grayson Carlson – Cardinal Elementary, Heather MacDonald/E'lyse Benson- rescheduled to January

iii. December Student of the Month

- Bryson Oleniczak – Cardinal Elementary, Heather MacDonald/E'lyse Benson- rescheduled to January

- Michael Arizola – OVEE, Megan Johnson/Beth Ackley- rescheduled to January
  - Daniel Heykoop – OVMS, Joshua Smith/Chris Norkus
  - Declyn Harter – OVHS, Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson
  - Carol Johnson – Community Education, Jenni Bowen/Brandy Carey
- f. Public Comment  
*Angela Prins, 6647 Timberbrooke Ct., Muskegon, MI 49444*  
*Angela Prins, Orchard View High School counselor, spoke about the FAFSA Universal policy to clarify what she'd like to do to get students to complete the FAFSA form and answered questions.*

## II. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Megan Johnson introduced Lisa Brown as the new Assistant Principal at Orchard View Early Elementary. Lisa comes to us with 28 years of experience as a classroom teacher, math and reading coach, and a math specialist. She will continue to fill the role as math specialist working with OVEE as she begins her time as assistant principal, splitting time between the two positions. She introduced her husband and her parents as well.
- b. Kyle Huck and David Huck updated the board on [technology progress](#) .
- c. Heather Lorenz-Babcock, Director of Finance, presented the December Budget Amendments.
- d. Heather Lorenz-Babcock, Director of Finance and Technology, did not receive an updated bid for an A-91 Handheld Radios so we will revisit that at the next meeting.
- e. Jack Timmer, Facilities Director, Earl Schaub, Director of Maintenance, and the OAK representatives went over A-91 Football Stadium Renovation Bid Results. We are getting the bleachers rebid. The rest of the bids are included in the A-91. We've had a lot of meetings. We are still on schedule. The pressbox has been preordered.
- f. Jeff Studebaker from Veregy Geothermal Letter of Intent and Jack Timmer, Facilities Director, presented that on 1/1/25 the IRA will be \$2.8-3.5 million depending on the size of the project. We would get heat and air conditioning and it would pay for itself within 15 years at the middle school. We want to go to 'safe harbor' as quick as possible by paying 10%. The tax rebate comes in the year we flip the switch. They'd start construction within a few week of going to contract. Mr. Nielsen can sign a letter of intent to begin the boring process.

## III. CLOSED SESSION:

*Motion to move into Closed Session for attorney-client privileged information:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman*

*Support: J. Taylor*

*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Nays: none*

*Motion to move in to Closed Session passed by a 7-0 vote.*

*Move into Closed Session @ 8:03 p.m.*

- a. Attorney-Client Privileged Information

*Motion to move into Open Session:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman*

*Support: L. Nelson*

*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:*

*Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown, J. Eggeman*

*Nays: none*

*Motion to move in to Open Session passed by a 7-0 vote.*

*Moved into open session at 8:34 p.m.*

## IV. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approval of December Personnel Change Forms

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

- Motion: J. Eggeman*                      *Support: J. Taylor*                      *Carried: 7-0*
- b. December Budget Amendments  
*Motion to approve December Budget Amendments as presented:*  
*Motion: C. Bankhead*                      *Support: L. Nelson*                      *Carried: 7-0*
- c. A-91 Handheld Radios -- tabled
- d. A-91 Football Stadium Renovation  
*Motion to approve A-91 for Football Stadium Renovation from OAK in the amount of \$1,808,339.*  
*Motion: J. Taylor*                      *Support: A. Brown*                      *Carried: 7-0*
- e. Approval of Veregy Geothermal Letter of Intent  
*Motion to approve Veregy Geothermal Letter of Intent as presented.*  
*Motion: L. Nelson*                      *Support: J. Eggeman*                      *Carried: 7-0*
- f. FAFSA Application Requirement for Graduation  
*Motion to approve FAFSA Application as presented.*  
*Motion: A. Brown*                      *Support: J. Eggeman*                      *Carried: 7-0*

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:**

- a. Holiday Break – Monday, December 23, 2023 – Friday, January 3, 2024
- b. Central Office/Community Education will be closed for the holidays on December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1
- c. January 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- d. January 13, 2024 Organizational Meeting @ 6:35 p.m.
- e. Tuesday, January 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting TBD
- f. Lisa Brown will continue to do ISD work and be Assistant Principal for OVEE and the ISD will bill us back for her time with us.
- g. Jim asked Tom Hamilton to explain the addition training being offered to our newer administrators.

**VI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:**

- a. T. Joppie thanked each and every board member for their dedication and wished all a Merry Christmas.

**VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:**

- a. A. Brown thanked Angela Prins for her further explanation of the FAFSA information presented.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn:*  
*Motion: J. Taylor*                      *Support: J. Eggeman*                      *Carried: 7-0*  
*Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by T. Joppie.*