

BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Orchard View High School Community Room
16 N. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442
November 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

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- November 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- November 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole Work Session Meeting

iii. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials October, 2024
- Head Start Financials October, 2024

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

Motion: J. Eggeman Support: C. Bankhead Carried: 6-0

e. Cardinal Pride

i. One Good Thing

Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, received a large grant. We got the OST grant Out of School Time Grant, which will help us to expand our before and after school and summer programs. It becomes public December 12th.

Megan Johnson, principal at Orchard View Early Elementary shared that OVEE partnered with Mission for Area People last year. In fall of 2024 students donated 2,000 canned goods, they are already at over 5,000 cans this year. Also, The librarian applied for a grant for \$250 to get more diverse texts on the shelves.

Elyse Benson, Assistant Principal at Cardinal Elementary explained that fifth grade students recently created a Volume Zoo. Students created animals from boxes and measured the volume of their animals. The zoo was sent up in the Collab Lab where many classrooms and community members came to visit and hear the students present their product from their project based learning.

Joshua Smith, Orchard View Middle School Principal, stated that OVMS sports are in full spring. 7th grade basketball is undefeated at this point. The Competitive Cheer team is phenomenal. They'll start to compete after Thanksgiving.

Samantha Wilson, Orchard View High School Principal, shared that tomorrow at OVHS, motivational speaker Molly Kennedy, will be here to speak with the student body. The Interact club raised a portion of the fees to bring her here. She is also going to do a smaller group session with breakouts

Nick Kunnen, ILC Director, had some students participate in the craft fair at OVHS. It was a great experience for the learners.

ii. November Student of the Month

- Jimena Martinez, OVEE– Megan Johnson/Beth Ackley
- Grayson Carlson, Cardinal El. –Heather MacDonald/E'lyse Benson – unable to attend, rescheduled to December
- Kendall Sliter, OVMS – Joshua Smith/Chris Norkus
- Delanie Wyeck, OVHS – Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson
- Aiden Thompson, Community Ed. – Nicholas Kunnen/Brandy Carey

iii. October Student of the Month

- Mya Wood, Cardinal Elementary – Heather MacDonald/Elyse Benson
- Trenton Rogers, OVHS – Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson

f. Public Comment

Kristen Yordy, 3077 MacArthur Rd. Muskegon, MI 49442

Kristen is speaking on something you all should know about. She has 2 neurotypical children in gen ed and 2 on the autism spectrum. She believes that OVEE is sorely lacking in special education resources. In 2019 twins started at OVEE. Her nightmare started when they were 5 years old and they aged out of ECSE. They were in a 'resource room' with Miss Carly and she was a glorified babysitter. Miss Ani and Miss Emily were in the ASD room at Cardinal. 2 resource rooms at OVEE contain 16 students. The problem now is trickling into Cardinal. The kids are not getting the peer to peer exposure and they are not getting exposure to gen ed kiddos their own age. ASD kids are not given the opportunities they should. Her kids did not get the education they should have. Her twins are in the ASD program at Cardinal. Kristen hopes that someone on this Board is listening, and really listening. She hopes one of you cares about the special needs kiddos in this district.

Anndrea Spencer, 1943 East Isabella, Muskegon, MI 49442

Anndrea states that she is feeling shock, confusion, sadness, and fear. A special education position that is being eliminated at OVEE. We should be adding resources, instead of taking away. Many told her she's wasting her time by speaking. Parents are leaving because they are feeling frustrated. Cardinal El and beyond have way too little to do with kids' lives. Scores are in the bottom. It hurts me terribly to see this. The District cuts corners and doesn't care about kids. This is the age where interventions are most important. Did this seem like the most important place to begin? There is a lack of support at Cardinal. As a parent, we shouldn't have to fight for our kids to get special education. How many of those unhappy parents plan to pull their students next year? We wanted to switch schools after a horrible 22-23 school year. The reason we didn't was because of an amazing teacher named Kurt Lindstrom. Numbers are currently low between the two classrooms at OVEE. Half of the responses on fb say definitely not to send your special needs student to OVEE. Why should the children with LD not have the same opportunities as those in other districts? All children deserve acceptable services in their own district. All decisions should be made on the basis of what's best for the children.

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, discussed the ISD mandated payment for all Head Start and Great Start classrooms.
- b. Angela Prins, OVHS counselor, presented regarding FAFSA. We have an opportunity to participate in a Universal FAFSA Challenge. She's asking the Board to have a policy stating that a FAFSA application is a graduation requirement. We currently use the Aspire Grant, which ends this year. Parents could sign a waiver to meet the graduation requirement if they did not wish to complete a FAFSA form for their student.
- c. Tom Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, presented information on the EL Education Conference which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. 35 J funds will be used to cover the cost of our instructional coach, 3 teachers, and 2 administrators.
- d. Tom Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, also presented on the District Administration Leadership Institute (DALI) Conference being held in December. Tom and Josh will be attending, representing the middle school and being recognized as a nominee for an award.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. November Personnel Change Form
Motion to approve staff changes per the November Personnel change spreadsheet as presented:
Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Taylor Carried: 6-0
- b. Head Start and Great Start Payroll
Motion to approve Head Start and Great Start Payroll as presented:
Board Member Angela Brown abstained from the vote.
Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Taylor Carried: 5-0
- c. EL Education Conference
Motion to approve out of state travel for the EL Conference as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor Support: A. Brown Carried: 6-0

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. No Work Session in December, next board meeting December 16, 2024
- b. Board Alliance Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday

V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. Tom just wanted to thank everyone for joining us and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

VI. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

none

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn

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Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Taylor Carried: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. by T. Joppie.