

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Orchard View High School Community Room
16 N. Quarterline, Muskegon, MI 49442
September 16, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Call to Order

Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 pm by T. Joppie.

Members Present: T. Joppie, J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, A. Brown, J. Eggeman

Members Absent: S. Horsly

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Consent Agenda Items

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- September 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- August 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

iii. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials August, 2024
- Head Start Financials August, 2024

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

Motion: J. Taylor

Support: L. Nelson

Carried: 6-0

d. Public Comment

Lois E. Morris, 1931 Barclay Apt 209, Muskegon, MI 49441

Lois feels that she received harsh treatment by the Superintendent, Jenni Bowen, and the Community Ed supervisor. She said that they have no concern, no compassion, etc. She was involved in a civil only lawsuit and has been banned from Community Education events. She tried to be discreet and not discuss this in public. She had a stroke in June. She can't sleep now and she wants an investigation. Ms. Morris gave Gretchen Beaulieux copies of her letters and Mr. Nielsen's letter to scan and send to the School Board.

II. CARDINAL PRIDE

a. Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, and Jim Nielsen, Superintendent, recognized student artists by calling students forward who had artwork chosen to be published in the community calendar and awarding them with their framed original artwork.

b. One Good Thing

- Jim Nielsen, on behalf of Joshua Smith, Orchard View Middle School Principal, stated that Josh and his staff are very happy with the new cell phone policy put into place this fall.
- Samantha Wilson, Principal at Orchard View High School, brought Ron Wildey and Kelly Ferrier as her One Good Thing to speak about the AVID program. Ron taught chemistry here for 21 years and has really fallen in love with the AVID program. They are working with mantras, organization, making planners, and setting goals. Students in the program will also have college speakers, work force speakers, etc. They also wanted to say Thank you to the Board for investing in the kids!
- Megan Johnson, Principal at Orchard View Early Elementary, shared that last week they met with United Way and AmeriCorps volunteers. These volunteers will be working directly with students this year at OVEE. Also, the Outdoor Learning Center is almost complete.

- E’Lyse Benson, Assistant Principal at Cardinal, explained that they are community sponsored t-shirts for the color run. The shirts said, “We are Cardinals”. They raised \$10,000 this year. They also have a picnic and farmer’s market scheduled for this Thursday.
- Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, shared that Jenni Bowen and Jack Wydeck coordinated to provide Fire Safety for the attendees at the senior dinner dance last Monday.
- Tom Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, discussed that Shape Corporation donated money for a 3-D lab at Orchard View High school. Ryan Wilson invited Orchard View Middle School Robotics over. He and Will Ashley cleaned out and created a lab at OVHS.
- Jim Nielsen, Superintendent, offered the Orchard View Middle School, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director position to someone last week. That person will be introduced to the Board at the October Work Session.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Heather Lorenz-Babcock presented on the School Bond Loan Fund Resolution. This is required every year in case the District needs to borrow money.

IV. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to move into Closed Session for a suspension/expulsion/reinstatement hearing, negotiations update, and Superintendent goals discussion.

Motion: J. Eggeman Support: C. Bankhead

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

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

Move into Closed Session @ 6:50 p.m.

- a. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing Student HS240609J
- b. Negotiations Update
- c. Superintendent Goals

Motion to move into Open Session:

Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Taylor

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

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

Resume Open Session @ 7:45 p.m.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. September Personnel Change Form
Motion to approve staff changes per the September Personnel change spreadsheet as presented:
Motion: C. Bankhead Support: L. Nelson Carried: 6-0
- b. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement for Student HS240609J
Motion to expel Student HS240609 from OVHS for 180 days with the option to attend MCVA or ILC .
Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Taylor
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote.
Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, A. Brown, J. Eggeman, T. Joppie
Nays: none
- c. School Bond Loan Fund Resolution
Motion to approve the School Bond Loan Fund Resolution as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor Support: L. Nelson
Board President asked for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, A. Brown, J. Eggeman, T. Joppie
Nays: none

Carried: 6-0

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. Student enrollment is down a little. Student count is the first Wednesday in October.
- b. Homecoming is October 04, 2024. There will be a parade and the Board is invited to walk together. If you will be attending, please let Jim know and he will provide candy to throw.
- c. Audit report presentation by Paul Gilbert date to be determined. It will probably be in October.
- d. Regarding the threats from 9/13, a risk assessment has been completed.
- e. Pay for Community Education administrators will be on an October meeting agenda.

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. Just wanted to clarify that the athletic participation decision of 2 former OV students was a decision made by the MHSAA, without a letter of support from Orchard View administration.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

- a. Janet was wondering when they could get some follow up on tonight's public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn

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Motion: J. Taylor

Support: L. Nelson

Carried: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by T. Joppie.