

**ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
July 21st, 2025**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Jason Terakedis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President J. Terakedis. President Terakedis read the mission and vision statement of Onsted Community Schools.

Members Present: J. Terakedis, R. Tessier, D. VanBrunt, A. Gast, C. McMichael, R. Reynolds

Members Absent: C. Garrison

Others Present: J. Royce, D. Biringner, M. Davis, and five other community members

The vision statement was read by President Terakedis.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the agenda with amendment to add action item #11 for Onsted PTO funds bank transfer.

Seconded by R. Tessier.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by R. Tessier to approve the minutes of the June 23rd, 2025 Special Budget Hearing Meeting. Seconded by D. VanBrunt.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by A. Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$1,639,964.32.

Seconded by R. Reynolds.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Comments from the Audience:

M. Davis - Invited community for Golf Outing held by the Community Foundation. The Community Foundation awarded Onsted Elementary Schools a \$500 grant for Elementary School Robotics.

K. Barber - asking for clarity for fee policy for OCRC field usage for existing policy from 2010.

J. Terakedis spoke to the policy fee and usage for space rental for OCRC; OCS Board will be looking at fees, as current value is outdated, but clarified OCRC is a category two organization. J. Terakedis will follow-up with K. Barber via email for the email OCRC received in regards to the existing policy and what the fee/facility charges that are applicable to the sports groups.

M. Pheffer, H. Willis - Marching Band parent representation; inquired about funds in Band Account that were previously earned from fundraising. Received information from the Band Director to cancel Marching Band Camp, working to create/get together Band Boosters. Asking for clarification for band, band finances, and Marching Band existing. Marching Band Camp fee increased to ~\$90 per student, and was told 60-75\$ at the end of the school year. Individuals were told they cannot ask the community for funds, and kids will have to bring their own lunches. Fear of kids not being able to afford band camp, not having food to provide lunches. Both individuals asked about the financial standing of the school and district and concerns band parents are asking/raising the condition of funds and if the district is over 1 million dollars in deficit.

J. Terakedis - Thank individuals for coming, will look into the band accounts and the status of camp. The Board will get information and will follow-up. J. Terakedis spoke to the fund balance and breakdown for the financial status of the District. The projections are true, potentially running at a deficit in projections for the year.

Reports -

District Update Report was presented by Dyan Biringner.

Sharing data on Spring test scores, curriculum assessment, and an upward trend in literacy across the schools.

Bond Committee, Grounds/Building Committee report was presented by J. Terakedis

Reflection on current bond payments and when payments will start falling off - receiving clarification and implication on millages. Assessment of building needs in maintenance. High School is 20 years old, bids for facility assessment have been completed and Board Meeting will address later in the agenda.

Policy Committee report was presented by C. McMichael

C. McMichael and C.Garrison new members on committee and first policy review. Language consistency across policies.

Language has been streamlined and aligned with other policies, state and federal laws. Language in policies that support families, staff, and teachers. Policies discussed and reviewed for NEOLA February 2025 Update Vol. 39, No. 2: Policy 0131.1 Bylaws & Policies; Policy 1430 Leaves of Absence; Policy 2340 Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips; Policy 5320 Immunization; Policy 5330 Use of Medications; Policy 5330.01 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors; Policy 5350 Student Suicide; Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements; Policy 5460 Personnel Files; Policy 8500 Food Services; Policy 8510 Wellness; Policy 8640 Transportation For Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips; Administrative Guideline 5320 Immunization of Students in School; Administrative Guideline 5350 Suicide Intervention Process; Administrative Guideline 5360 Recess Guideline for Harsh Weather. Discussion and action will happen later in the agenda for the meeting.

Finance Committee report was presented by R. Tessier

Discussion outcome of bond; two pieces of data to move forward - payment schedule vs. time on current bonds to understand where we are and know for future needs; identify future needs (work required around district, need for assessment firm to help decide plan to present for future needs). Asked for continued transparency with a budget summary and understanding where money is going each month.

Semi-Annual Reorganization Meeting -

Motions to approve Semi-Annual Reorganization Items:

- ❖ 2025-2026 bank deposit selection of Bank Michigan, Premier Bank, MiClass, and UMB.
 - Motion by R.Reynolds
 - Second D. VanBrunt
 - Motion Carried 6-0
- ❖ 2025-2026 attorney/legal consultant appointments of Thrum Law Firm, P.C. and Kyle Hoffman, LISD.
 - Motion R. Reynolds
 - Second D. VanBrunt
 - Motion Carried 6-0
- ❖ 2025-2026 authorized signatures for various accounts, as presented.
 - Motion A. Gast
 - Second R. Tessier
 - Motion Carried 6-0
- ❖ 2025-2026 board meeting dates (third Monday of each month starting at 7:00 pm with Special Budget Adoption Meeting on June 22, 2026 at 6:00PM) as presented.
 - Motion C. McMichael
 - Second A. Gast
 - Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by A. Gast to approve the appointments and reorganization for 2025-2026 school year.

Support provided by R. Reynolds

Roll Call Vote taken by D. VanBrunt: Reynolds - *YES*; VanBrunt - *YES*; Terakedis - *YES*; Tessier - *YES*; Gast - *YES*; McMichael - *YES*;

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by R. Tessier to acknowledge the hiring of Robin Tackett - Elementary Special Education Teacher; Scot Morrison - Career Exploration/Tech Ed Teacher; Amanda Hiram - Paraprofessional.

Seconded by D. VanBrunt.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding revisions/updates to the 2025-2026 student and athletic handbooks.

Motion by R. Reynolds to move to an action item #5.

Seconded by C. McMichael .

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding revisions/updates to the NEOLA Policies.

Motion by C. McMichael to move to an action item #9.

Seconded by D. VanBrunt .

Motion carried 6-0 .

Motion by A. Gast to approve the Elementary, Middle School and High School Course Catalogs for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seconded by C. McMichael .

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by C. McMichael to approve the student and athletic handbooks as presented for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seconded by R.Reynolds.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by D. VanBrunt to approve the contract for Superintendent Royce.

Seconded by R. Tessier.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by C. McMichael to approve the purchase of District Internet Filter subscription.

Seconded by R. Reynolds.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by A. Gast to District Improvement Plan

Seconded by D. VanBrunt.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by R. Tessier to approve and accept the NEOLA policy changes as presented: Policies review for NEOLA February 2025 Update Vol. 39, No. 2: Policy 0131.1 Bylaws & Policies; Policy 1430 Leaves of Absense; Policy 2340 Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips; Policy 5320 Immunization; Policy 5330 Use of Medications; Policy 5330.01 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors; Policy 5350 Student Suicide; Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements; Policy 5460 Personnel Files; Policy 8500 Food Services; Policy 8510 Wellness; Policy 8640 Transportation For Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips; Administrative Guideline 5320 Immunization of Students in School; Administrative Guideline 5350 Suidicide Intervention Process; Administrative Guideline 5360 Recess Guideline for Harsh Weather.

Seconded by C. McMichael.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the selection of the District Assessment Bid, selecting the bid from Grainger for the District Assessment.

Seconded by R. Reynolds.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by D. VanBrunt to approve the funds transfer for the Onsted PTO funds into their own account separate from Onsted Community Schools.

Seconded by A. Gast.

Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Royce gave a brief overview of the District Improvement Plan currently in place through 2026. All school participation, whole child support (WSCC Framework, Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child). Key Implementation Activities: Mental Health/Safety, Instructional Support, Graduation and Career Prep/Development, Student engagement, professional development. Truancy Intervention and finding incentives for secondary education remain challenges. Shared planned funding sources (federal, state, local). Waiting on numbers from Federal and State funding sources. Communication channels - school board updates, digital presence, internal communications - maintaining transparency and honesty (share success and challenges).

A community member asked the question - is there a deadline for the state and federal funding?

J. Terakedis shared insight on the timeline for revenue funding, budget planning and summer session for legislature.

Royce shared loan and funding explanation for options for districts during lull in legislature and waiting period for funding. OCS is not in the position or decision position to assess and consider loans.

Mr. Royce shared kudos to Facilities and Custodial teams on their hard work cleaning and attention to detail for the facilities/buildings. Dedication in team and consideration for the efforts they are putting into our District. The team shows pride in their work and to the District.

Board Comments-

C. McMichael - None

A.Gast - Kudos and thank you to D. Biringer for her presentation, great job. Speaking to comment from OCRC in regard to policy for space fees - As one of seven board members, he personally wishes for consideration on the school taking over the youth sports, and/or policy reflection and consider waive/adjust fees for Onsted community organizations.

Ray - As two of seven, agrees with A. Gast on school taking over youth sports programs or policy reflection and fee waivers.

Jason - Thank you to all and kudos to staff for dedication.

Dave - Thank you D. Biringer for your presentation, thank you to community member for staying through meeting

Ryan - Thank you D. Biringer for your presentation and data.

Motion by A. Gast to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by D. VanBrunt.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 22pm.



David VanBrunt, Secretary

Board of Education

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