

ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
April 21, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President, R.Tessier

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

Members Absent: J.Terakedis

J.Terakedis arrived at 7:16PM

Others Present: M. Schulte, T.Comden

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President R.Tessier.

The Mission was read by Vice President R.Tessier.

Motion by C.Garrison to approve the agenda with the addition of the Middle School DIT Report.  
Seconded by C.McMichael. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by C.McMichael to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Board Meeting.  
Seconded by C.Garrison. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by R.Reynolds to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2025 Board Meeting. Seconded by  
C.McMichael. Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of March 2025 in the amount of  
1,342,621.59. Seconded by D.VanBrunt . Motion Carried 5-0

The Student Representative Report - Presented by A.Gudakunst

Elementary School - MStep Testing starts tomorrow, April 22nd. Book Fair is next week. Author  
Johnathon Rand is visiting next Friday from Michigan Chillers books. Mrs. Steinkopf did  
awesome for 1st Grade Musical last week. Art Show is up in the hallways for display.

Kindergarten Round-Up is Happening May 1st 4pm-6pm.

HighSchool - OHS is continuing the fast and furious march to the end of the school year. Seniors  
had a successful and delicious senior breakfast that included a presentation from TLC Credit  
Union, and inspiring talk from Mr. Comden. Caps and gowns were handed out at breakfast.  
Seniors are looking forward to their senior parking lot cookout lunch on Thursday, May 8th.  
Senior Awards Night is Wednesday, May 14th. Field Trip season is ramping up with several  
exciting ones in the works - including Physics Cedar Point trip and PLTW BioMed trip to  
TransPharm Biomedical in Adrian. The OHS Band is traveling to State Band Festival this  
Thursday, April 24th. Best of luck to the band! Our last blood drive was held last week and was a  
success. Many thanks for Mr. Moore and STUCO for their leadership with that. Spring sports  
teams are in high gear and weather permitting, have been able to get in many of their events,  
despite the unfortunate postponement and reschedules, we truly appreciate everyone's patience  
and understanding in that regard.

Comments from the Audience: Marsha Davis commented that the 3rd grade did a great  
performance in the HS auditoria last week.

## REPORTS -

PLTW for Middle School and High School Update was presented by Heather Hildreth.

Middle School DIT Report was presented by Alaina Ellison.

Middle School Student of the Month was read by Alaina Ellison.

Middle School Student Voice presentation was presented by Maddalyn Schultz and Wesley Garrison.

Elementary Student of the Month was presented by Marsha Davis.

High School Student of the Month was presented by Tim Comden.

Motion by A.Gast to acknowledge the hiring of Keely Sanders for HR Generalist/Board Office Assistant position. Seconded by R.Tessier. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by R.Reynolds to acknowledge the separation of Sheila Handy from High School Paraprofessional position; McKenna Hill from Elementary School Paraprofessional position (effective June 2025); the retirement of Jarrod Woods from Custodial Department (effective 7/1/2025), Sheryl Costelli from Food Services Department and Copy Room (effective 7/1/2025), Tara Holm as Special Education Teacher (effective 10/31/2025).

Seconded by D.VanBrunt . Motion Carried 6-0.

## ACTION -

Motion by D.VanBrunt to approve Schools of Choice Resolution 2025-2026. Seconded by R.Tessier . Roll Call Vote: J. Terakedis, R. Tessier, A. Gast, D. Van Brunt, C. Garrison, C. McMichael, R. Reynolds - Yays

Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by C.Garrison to approve bid selection for ERU7 Heating and Cooling Unit for Elementary Gym. Seconded by C.McMichael . Motion Carried 6-0.

Finance Committee Report - R.Tessier gave the finance committee update. Procedures and policies are being updated to ensure transparency in financial reporting.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Royce presented on department updates regarding Facilities/Custodial staffing; additional cleaning of cafeteria for graduation; Facilities is preparing gym and bleachers for graduation ceremony. MS stage has been painted and there are new bottle filling stations to be installed (to occur over summer break). Seeking possible welding shops in stages of architectural planning. Transportation still sees some driver shortages. Village Transportation policy is under review, bus routes may be reduced for 25-26 SY for students within 1 mile walking distance. Telesystems are arriving in April for installation for all buildings. Raptor Visitor System is being piloted in MS - working out bugs and assessing financial costs. Evacuation Bags are being distributed this week across schools. ES - Recess area expansion, field trips and art fair are upcoming events. MS - Spring Expo occurred today, April 21; stage renovation. HS - preparing for graduation; English Language Arts starting soon.

Looking forward: meeting with JC for college partnerships, meeting for upcoming curriculum next week; dual enrollment opportunities, opportunity for advanced English in middle school level. Financial Responsibility - maintain focus on budget discipline, board policy on books, providing structure and guidance with policy follow-through and good spending practices; Audit preparation. Process Improvement: Consistent focus on tightening operations and ongoing staff training.

Kudos for Mr. Hiram and Mrs. Hunt for their hard work and dedication on scheduling and rescheduling athletic events with ever changing weather.

Board Member Comments:

C.Garrison - (To MS) Thank you for the Spring Expo and thank you to Mr. Garrison for presenting.

C.McMichael - Thank you, to Spring Expo and all staff supporting. Comment on Exponent article sharing good press regarding school. Highlight Lillian Hulinski - Good Citizen Program. Highlights on essay winners - Congratulations to those students.

A.Gast - Acknowledgement of Jerrod Woods - appreciation and celebration of his hard work and dedication. Thank you for your service - you will be greatly missed.

R.Tessier - Jerrod Woods - will be missed. Great reports, thank you to all who came. Kudos to Administration and continuous growth, especially in regards to STEAM programs. Exciting to see Spring Sports in action. Appreciation for all efforts in sports and scheduling. Shared appreciation for the dedication and efforts to correct and improve financial reports and records.

J.Terakedis - Participated in Family Fun Day by PTO - overrun, lots of kids and families everywhere - exciting to see and the community centered focus and fun for all. Kids had a great time and fun stuff for all. Excited to have everyone involved and going above supervision and celebrating support in the day to day focusing on kids and bringing vision and mission to light. Kudos and excitement in seeing enthusiasm in school and staff, especially in reports/presentations.

D.VanBrunt - Thank you for the reports - appreciate the reports and enjoyed presentations. Hopeful to be involved in adapting shops to growth in technology.

R. Reynolds - Kudos to Honors Band.

Motion by J. Terakedis to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. Seconded by A. Gast.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David VanBrunt". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "D" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

David VanBrunt, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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