

Proposed
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, J. Terakedis
Members Present: C. Garrison, C. McMichael, A. Gast, R. Tessier, J. Terakedis, D. VanBrunt
Members Absent: R. Reynolds
Others Present: M. VanBrunt, P. Stark, M. Davis, K. Springer, J. Royce, T. Slater, A. Ellison, T. Comden, A. Moore
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President J. Terakedis.
The Mission was read by President J. Terakedis.

Motion by A. Gast to approve the agenda with the addition of action item 24-25 #29 - Approval of School Year Calendar. Seconded by R. Tessier. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by C. McMichael to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 Board Meeting. Seconded by D. VanBrunt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by A. Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of February 2025 in the amount of 1,444,131.33. Seconded by C. Garrison. Motion Carried 6-0

The Student Representative Report - Presented by Addison Gudakunst.

High School: In the midst of transitioning from Winter to Spring Sports. Now all we are hoping for is some nice Spring weather weather. Eagerly anticipating MME testing week coming the week of April 8th. STUCO sponsored blood drive is April 15 in the gymnasium. OHS plans to report out a "celebration of learning" by way of social media during the month of April highlighting student works from each academic department. The battle with senioritis is ramping up as we continue to march towards graduation. Plans for Senior Honors night, Commencement and other senior exit activities are underway.

Middle School: Working on a transition to HS "boot camp" for students who need extra support to help them be successful as they start HS. Jen Smith has developed a great process, and we are working with the HS to make this happen. Please save the date for our 3rd Annual Spring Expo. It is April 21st from 5-7 pm (right before the Board Meeting!) We will ask for community donations for our raffle baskets after Spring Break. State Testing is in April, and we are working with all of the students to help them focus on doing their best. MS Track starts after Spring Break as well! We are having a lot of conversations about increasing opportunities for students to take accelerated classes while maintaining our ability to help struggling students. We are thankful for Mr. Royce's support of this! Middle School talent show for the community is this Thursday evening at 7pm free to the public. We are finishing up reading month this week. The theme was "Around the world" with lots of fun activities and contests all month. Special thanks to Joanna Botte for coordinating it this year.

Comments from the Audience: A. Moore discussed the student council fundraiser of Detroit Pistons tickets.

Reports - MS Student of the Month was read by A. Ellison, HS Student of the Month was read by T. Comden, Elementary report was presented by Mrs. Slater, Mr. Stark and Mrs. Davis. Areas discussed were student success, safety, staff training, opportunities for student groups, interventions and staff resources. Mrs. Slater discussed a project that students did for Black History Month as well as reading activities that are taking place this month as well as this summer. Mr. Stark presented a school safety update including an overview of the current Emergency Operations Plan and safety measures that are in place throughout the district.

Motion by D.VanBrunt to acknowledge the hiring of Avery Dewey - Custodian and the change in position of Karen Springer to Finance/HR Director. Seconded by R.Tessier. Motion Carried 6-0.

Action - Motion by C.Garrison to approve the OCS Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. Seconded by A.Gast. Motion Carried 6-0.

Finance Committee Report - Procedures and policies are being updated to ensure transparency in financial reporting.

Superintendent's Report - Spring 2024 update - Facilities & Maintenance Updates - New maintenance team member, Avery Dewey. High School gym floor recoat scheduled for spring break. Evaluating cost-effective equipment options, including new scrubbers. Food Services & Transportation - No summer food service due to lack of families completing the F&R form. Exploring eligibility for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) next year. Driver shortages persist; two new candidates are ready for training. School vans are unreliable for long trips—seeking alternatives. Athletic Department Achievements - Two league championship teams in winter sports season. Michelle Goetz recognized as District Coach of the Year. Spring sports season has begun. Technology & Facility Improvements - BenQ interactive displays showcased for visiting schools. Middle School kitchen ovens to be installed during spring break. Elementary and High School HVAC repairs underway. Curriculum & State Testing Preparation Staff training sessions scheduled for March and April to ensure smooth state testing. District-wide Curriculum Team meeting planned for April 23, focusing on instructional coaching system development. Building Reports & Special Events - Elementary School: Reading Month ongoing; Kindergarten Round-Up on May 1. Middle School: Spring Expo on April 21, new student check-in system pilot. High School: Progress reports issued, Spring Expo on April 30, teacher evaluations nearly completion. Finance & Human Resources -Balanced financial approach prioritizing staff and student support. Improved processes for grants and payroll. Moving a larger portion of banking to Premier (Wesbanco). HR Generalist position posted. Overall, the district remains committed to financial responsibility while enhancing student opportunities and staff support.

Board Member Comments:

C.Garrison - Thanks to Mrs Slater, Mr.Stark and Mrs.Davis for the presentations. The Student Voice and Science Olympiad coming back is a great thing. Congrats to Emmry Ross on her win at Nationals in Boston.

C.McMichael - Appreciates the student chemistry competition as well as Mrs.Mykeloff doing all of the band activities, the Daddy Daughter dance was fun and PTO did a great job with it.

A.Gast - Thank you to Mrs. Marlatt for the science olympiad. Thanks to Mrs. Stull for mystery readers.

R.Tessier - Congrats to Mrs.Slater for 30 years of teaching. The presentations were awesome and reflected our mission and vision. Looking forward to spring sports.

J.Terakedis - Support all of the recognition for teams, sports, academics and arts.

D.VanBrunt - Presentations were good and special appreciation for Mrs.Slater.

Motion by A.Gast to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Seconded by C.Garrison.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education

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