

PROPOSED
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jason Terakedis

Members Present: Jason Terakedis, Ray Tessier, David VanBrunt, Alex Gast, Craig McMichael, Calby Garrison, Ryan Reynolds

Members Absent:None

Others Present:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Terakedis.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the agenda. Seconded by R. Tessier. Motion Carried 7-0 .

Motion by R.Reynolds to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 BOE meeting. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$1,636,183.72. Seconded by C.Garrison. Motion Carried 7-0.

The Student Representative report was introduced by Alexis Edwards and read by Peyton Edwards.

The elementary team has been busy with numerous learning opportunities, including special education staff training on AAC communication devices, 4th graders attending the DNR's Nature Awaits field trip, and 5th graders visiting the Stubnitz Center to study ecology. Students in 4th and 5th grade also participated in OK2SAY safety programming, while many K-5 students are actively involved in the TLC Credit Union savings program, led weekly by selected 5th-grade student bankers. Upcoming activities include a Consumers Energy presentation for 2nd graders on energy conservation and an author assembly with children's writer Kelly DiPucchio. The elementary school was also awarded the Michigan's HEARTSafe designation once again for excellence in cardiac emergency preparedness. At the high school, about 15 juniors took the PSAT to prepare for spring SAT testing, and the first Wildcat Wakeup celebrated September and October Students of the Month with families and staff. SADD and KEY Club are busy planning holiday events, parent-teacher conferences in late October provided positive, productive conversations, and the school looks forward to the Onsted Academic Club assembly and National Honor Society induction ceremony. Winter sports practices have also begun, bringing strong excitement for the upcoming season. The middle school report will be given by Mrs. Ellison. Thank you for your time and have a great night.

Comments from the Audience:

Alaina Ellison - Formal thank you to Mrs Howland and others for student fun night last Friday.

Tom Davis - Were three fund accounts overspent per prior meeting minutes? -No, there was a typo. Was prior fund balance 14% or 12%? -Prior year was 14%, adjusted budget is currently 12%.

Dylan Thompson - How much would the school save if the board office was closed? -Still being evaluated, no decisions have been made. Will copy services be available going forward? -Yes, under contract until 2028. Believes there will be a number of issues if the board office is closed, such as private meetings.

Gary Harper - Shocked that school has run a deficit for three years. Sounds like a management problem. Taxpayers need answers.

Reports - Student of the Month report for each building was read. A.Ellison gave the MS building report.

Motion by D.VanBrunt to recognize the hiring of Lisa Cunningham-PT Payroll. Seconded by R.Reynolds. Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion by C.Garrison to recognize the separation/resignations of Keely Sanders - HR Generalist, Jenny Bartig - Recess Para, Alayna Narkun - Cook/Cashier, Katie Selix - Elementary Para, Tara Holm - Retirement changed from Oct 31, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025, Trevor Vanvalkenburg - Girls&Boys Cross Country Coach Seconded by C.McMichael. Motion Carried 7-0.

Middle School Heating Unit Repairs

NEOLA Vol.40 No1 Policy Updates 1st reading

Requested Changes to the OMS Handbook - this will then go to an action item next meeting.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the Fund Balance Resolution Seconded by D.VanBrunt Roll Call Vote: Garrison-Y, McMichael-Y, Gast-Y, Tessier-Y, Terakedis-Y, VanBrunt-Y. Reynolds-Y. Motion passed 7-0

Committee Report -

Financial Committee met November 11, 2025 - update on district financial status and gather community feedback

Policy Committee met November 10, 2025 - many technical language updates

Superintendent's Report - A review of finances led to reset of the financial leadership within the district. Third party review and audit, ultimately showed need for standardization, reorganized accounting, accurate tracking and compliance. Leadership has taken steps to stabilize by freezing credit card spending, negotiating contracts, and limited replacing staff after departure. Further, leadership is evaluating additional efficiencies and taking in staff/community feedback.

Motion by A.Gast to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by C.Garrison. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education
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