



**ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 19, 2025**

1st Meeting called to order at **7:01 p.m.** by President J. Terakedis.

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

Members Absent: D. VanBrunt

Others Present: T. Comden, M. Davis, A. Ellison, A. Moore, and one community member

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Terakedis.

Motion by R. Tessier to approve the agenda as presented, eliminating Executive Sessions minutes approval (*no Executive Sessions were held*). Seconded by R. Reynolds.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by C. McMichael to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 meeting. Seconded by A. Gast.

Motion carried 6-0.

Comments from the Audience:

A.Ellison: Thank you Marsha Davis for another wonderful fundraiser and commitment to students. As a parent, thank you for kids - enjoyed the event and limo rides to Big Boy for the Jog-A-Thon fundraiser.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming LISD Biennial Election and the candidates.

Motion to adjourn by A. Gast. Support by C. Garrison. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

2nd Meeting called to order at **7:05 p.m.** by J. Terakedis.

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

Members Absent: D. VanBrunt

Others Present: T. Comden, M. Davis, A. Ellison, A. Moore, and one community member

Motion by R. Reynolds to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Curriculum Committee Report and Superintendent Evaluation. Seconded by R. Tessier.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by A. Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$1, 111, 606.62. Seconded by R. Tessier.

Motion Carried 6-0.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Presented by A. Gudakunst:

Elementary School - Today were limo rides to Big Boy for any student in the K-5th grades who raised \$150 for our Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. There was a positive compliment on the "Inside Onsted" Facebook page about how well behaved the students were! May 30th Smoothies for our Students, we wrote a grant to create better breakfasts and more participation during breakfast. We will have guest servers. June 2nd is the annual Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. Lots of field trips are upcoming for the students and a strong finish is expected for all!

Middle School - 8th grade successfully released their salmon and now have two sea lamprey to examine. Our formal dance went well. This was the first dance with student-purchased DJ equipment to offset expenses. 8th grade leaves for Washington D.C. trip on Tuesday, May 20th and returns on Friday, May 23rd morning. Lots of activities for 8th graders not attending the trip are planned. 5th and 8th graders Move-Up Day is May 28th. Middle School is wrapping up the year!

REPORTS

Elementary School Students of Month read by *Marsha Davis*

Middle School Students of Month read by *Alaina Ellison*

High School Report presented by *Tim Comden*

- ❖ NWEA Testing - shared scores for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 for Reading 9th/10th/11th grade. Improvement in 9th Grade, 10th grade. Decline in 11th grade from Fall to Spring. This is the only test that is used for data collection and analysis on reading performance. Students are meeting growth goals. Literacy Coach working with students and teachers. Frequent walkthroughs. Department meetings. All steps to improve literacy in HS. Implementation of Tier 2 Literacy Intervention. First year Math interventions.
- ❖ Support to create and improve quality instruction. Intention focus on quality instruction; utilizing strengths; instructional coach; walkthroughs/feedback; Peer to peer observations; identifying and leveraging strengths; support and encouragement for continuous improvement; celebrating position; relationship meetings/teachable moments; Instructional Coach maintains data of quality instruction and areas for improvement. Data is discussed at department meetings.
- ❖ Vision for 2025-2026 SY: continue what we're doing, but doing better.
- ❖ Maintaining 7 hour school day
- ❖ Meets needs of the special education department, allowing electives, freeflow of scheduling.
- ❖ Focus on in-person electives, expansion of elective options (coding, forensic science, choir)
- ❖ Industrial Arts Lab / JC Partnership - collaboration with Jackson College and opening of Lab
- ❖ Positive Behavior Plan - streamline school expectations and student expectations (Wildcat Way)
- ❖ Reduction of online courses for underclassmen - emphasis on in-person learning.
- ❖ Flexible pathways for Jr/Sr (AP courses, tech center, dual enrollment) continuation
- ❖ 100 kids going to tech center next year
- ❖ Navigating AI in Education: maintaining academic integrity, using as a tool, exploration, AI in student handbook
- ❖ Mental Health Support: Gratitude for FT social worker, returning next year
- ❖ MMC Graduates: Michigan Merit Curriculum graduates and continue to offer the opportunity to qualify students. Tim Comden shares pride in the graduates and thanks and appreciation to the Board for the support of the program.

EMPLOYMENT

Motion by C. Garrison to acknowledge the hires of Kyle Cannon (Custodian), Patrick Lisenbee (Custodian), Trenton Shindorf (Teacher), and Conner Brodie (Paraprofessional). Seconded by R. Reynolds.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by R. Tessier to approve the leave of absences for Rachael Schroeder and Sharon Aebersold for the births of a child. Seconded by A. Gast.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by A. Gast to acknowledge the separations and retirements of Edward Groh (Custodian), Corrie Hoeft (Administrative Assistant), Jacob Delmotte (Teacher), Grant Gallagher (Teacher), and Tamyra Davis-Maige (Teacher). Seconded by C. Garrison.

Motion Carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION

9th Grade Curriculum discussion was presented by *Alaina Ellison*.

Offering English Exploration A & B to 8th grade students to count for high school credit. Placement letters have been sent; performance/readiness is data supported.

ACTION

Motion by A. Gast to adopt the LISD Biennial Election resolution as presented. Seconded by R. Tessier.

Roll Call Vote: R. Reynolds - YAY; J. Terakedis - YAY; R. Tessier - YAY; A. Gast - YAY; C. McMichael - YAY; C. Garrison - YAY.

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by C. McMichael to adopt the LISD Budget Resolution as presented. Seconded by R. Reynolds.

Roll Call Vote: R. Reynolds - YAY; J. Terakedis - YAY; R. Tessier - YAY; A. Gast - YAY; C. McMichael - YAY; C. Garrison - YAY.

Motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee Meeting - Presented by R. Tessier

- ❖ School district to begin offering survey courses teaching real life skills, exposing students to new career paths. Exposing middle school and offering to high school, continue to offer high level courses, continue to offer LISD courses to allow students to explore passions, create and build relationships with JC to explore future opportunities. Examples of course skills: checking oil, changing tires, financial literacy, everyday life/real world experience. Additional components to offer skills in plumbing, woodworking, metal work, welding, electricity, etc.
- ❖ Next Steps: post a position to develop and teach OCS survey courses and coordinate with JC on new opportunities.
- ❖ This course offering will open pathways to help students with their path (jobs, trades, college, military) showing students what options and what application is to real life.
- ❖ Committee recommendation to move forward to posting a position.
- ❖ Discussion and Action items will be added to the June regular meeting.

Finance Committee Meeting - Presented by A. Gast

- ❖ Finance is moving in the right direction, landing in the positive, still having consultants from Maner.
- ❖ Baker Tilly follow up - question of sinking fund or bond (lowering taxes for community, bringing in revenue), next presentation will be within 6 months.
- ❖ June will have a special meeting (23rd) for finance follow-up and updates.
- ❖ Thank you to Karen and Erica and Jonathan for their hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Presented by J. Royce

FACILITIES: Wood shop cleaning (room accommodates 30 students). HS bleacher repairs this summer 5-7 days of gym closure.

POU faucet water testing over next two weeks. Tick and insect notices up - spraying commencing in the district.

FOOD SERVICE: end of year cleaning / prep for fall taking place

TRANSPORTATION: focusing on optimizing bus routes, field trip support, policy under review for implementation

ACADEMICS: finish testing state, district assessments, math review year (curriculum audit at HS level, 6-12)

PUPIL ACCOUNTING: working on end of year reporting for final count.

ATHLETICS: seasons are wrapping up. Baseball in contention for league champs; State tournaments beginning soon for track, several track athletes have qualified for states; regionals and districts happening for all sports.

FINANCE: waiting on audit, review action item list was received. Developing procedures for fundraising, allowable spending with Board Policy and GASB84. Trip charges for 2024-2025 school year by transportation department happening (grants, accounts, ext) and alignment with correct funds.

DISTRICT: Four days until Graduation. Preparation is happening for the ceremony.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

J. Terakedis - HS - Travis/Heather special for seniors, thank you for all the hard work and all the extra special things for the students and the sense of community.

R Reynolds - thank you Tim for enthusiasm and support of teachers/staff, great job to all with Little Mermaid play, kids and staff.

R. Tessier - thanks to everyone for hanging in and getting through the end of the year; echo C. Garrison excited for survey course and relationship with JC.

Hope baseball wins the league.

A. Gast - thank you all for great meeting, excited for HS new opportunities, excited for board office working on handbook,

C. Garrison - Great meeting; excitement for survey course and increased opportunities for students and community

C. McMichael - thank you Tim for presentation, glad to see enthusiasm for teacher improvement

Superintendent, J. Royce, requested to move to a closed meeting session for Superintendent Evaluation.

Motion by A. Gast second by R. Reynolds at 8:13 p.m.

Motion by R. Reynolds to exit closed session at 9:13 p.m. Second by R. Tessier.

Roll Call: R. Reynolds - YAY; J. Terakedis - YAY; R. Tessier - YAY; A. Gast - YAY; C. McMichael - YAY; C. Garrison - YAY

Motion moved 6-0.

Motion by R. Tessier to adjourn meeting, second by A. Gast at 9:14 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

David VanBrunt, Secretary

Board of Education

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