

ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Conference Room

September 21, 2026

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Jason Terakedis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jason Terakedis, Ray Tessier, Alex Gast, Calby Garrison, Dave VanBrunt, and Craig McMichael.

Others Present: Jonathan Royce, Marsha Davis, Dyan Biringer, Phil Stark, Jodi Holt, Laura Klutsarits, district staff, and community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Dave VanBrunt, supported by Alex Gast, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ray Tessier, supported by Calby Garrison, to approve the August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Moved by Alex Gast, supported by Calby Garrison, to approve August disbursements in the amount of **\$3,387,211.97**.

The Board noted that the disbursement total included approximately \$2 million associated with the district's cash-flow borrowing. Excluding the borrowing, expenditures were approximately \$1.38 million.

Motion carried 6-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No public comments were received.

REPORTS

Athletic Director Laura Klutsarits provided an update on fall athletics, athletic training services, upcoming competitions, and Homecoming activities.

Elementary School updates included the successful Family Reading Night, Student of the Month recognition, agricultural learning opportunities, and plans to add a fourth-grade section to address the needs of the 82 students currently enrolled in fourth grade.

Middle School updates included sixth-grade camp, the first Color Run with 66 participants, NWEA testing, PBIS and literacy initiatives, staffing adjustments, Student of the Month recognition, and Homecoming activities. A safety update included implementing the district's ability to coordinate remote lockdown activation with 911 dispatch, completing safety drills, upcoming threat assessment training, and the district's hunter safety program.

High School updates included Homecoming activities, senior parking lot painting, NWEA testing, new staff, upcoming LISD TECH Center opportunities, Wildcat of the Month recognition, and continued implementation of the Wildcat Way.

The Board also reviewed recently released state assessment results. Discussion focused on student achievement trends, comparison to state averages, cohort growth, the impact of district literacy and intervention systems, elementary STEM programming, and continued efforts to strengthen mathematics instruction.

EMPLOYMENT

26-27 #20 – Employment

The Board considered the hires of Erin Young, GSRP; Tamar Rukhadze, Paraprofessional; Amber Southard, Paraprofessional; Dayna Reiser, Paraprofessional; Kristine Shuster, .5 Secondary Special Education; Tracey Lowder, Secondary Graduation Coach; and Shayna VanAlstine, Paraprofessional. The Board also considered Janet Dillon's resignation.

The administration noted that GSRP, special education, Section 31a, at-risk, and other designated funding sources supported the positions and that the district monitored them in relation to enrollment and the district's balanced budget.

Moved by Calby Garrison, supported by Craig McMichael, to approve item 26-27 #20, Employment, as presented.

Motion carried 4-2, with Alex Gast and Ray Tessier voting no.

DISCUSSION

No discussion items were listed on the agenda.

ACTION

26-27 #21 – OESPA Step and Wage Clarification Letter of Agreement

The Board reviewed a Letter of Agreement addressing an employee working a combined bus driver and food service assignment. The agreement clarifies that the employee will be paid at the applicable contractual step for each classification based upon the duties performed while preserving existing seniority and contractual rights.

Moved by Ray Tessier, supported by Dave VanBrunt, to approve item 26-27 #21, the OESPA Step and Wage Clarification Letter of Agreement, as presented.

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Marsha Davis provided a financial update reviewing July and August expenditures, grant-funded programs, audit preparation, staffing and program expenditures, and continued work to improve district financial reporting and controls. The Board discussed developing additional projections and month-to-month comparisons to monitor progress against the adopted budget.

Superintendent Royce provided an operational update highlighting transportation, food service, facilities, technology, and district communications. Transportation began the year fully staffed with regular routes operating successfully, while the district continues to seek substitute drivers. Food service participation exceeded 50 percent for breakfast and lunch. Technology staff continued addressing Wi-Fi concerns, and facilities staff continued HVAC repairs and maintenance projects.

The Superintendent also reviewed the district's response to the recent severe weather event involving a school bus. No injuries occurred, and the district completed an after-action review and is developing a severe-weather transportation procedure and safe-haven plan. Facilities updates included completed HVAC work, additional repairs and replacement parts on order, grounds maintenance, and continued review of facility-use procedures.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board members expressed appreciation for the work of district administrators and staff, improvements in communication, new practices and procedures, and the positive start to the school year. Members highlighted Family Reading Night, the Color Run, increased student participation in athletic events, Homecoming activities, and the collaboration occurring across the district's buildings.

The Board also recognized community volunteers and families supporting student activities and noted the continued development of a district-wide team approach to finances, student programming, and operations.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alex Gast, supported by Craig McMichael, to adjourn the meeting at **8:22 p.m.**

Motion carried.