

PROPOSED MINUTES
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ONLINE MEETING
March 15th, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Todd Gentner.

Members Present: A Gast, T. Gentner, R. Reynolds, K. Williams, J. Terakedis, H. Ruttkofsky, D. VanBrunt

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: S. Head, B. Boughton, A. Ellison, A. Clute, A. Strong, G. Gemalsky, P. Jensen, J. Thompson, M. Davis, K. Ohrman, M. Barth, L. Dowling, D. Tison, P. Spooner, J. Chamberlain, N. Brown, J. Marlatt, J. Kelly

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Gentner.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 15th, 2021. Seconded by Gast. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the disbursements for the month of February 2021 in the amount of \$1,117,238.88. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from the Audience: None.

Reports: A. Ellison presented on professional learning opportunities, curriculum alignment, upcoming events, and the Whole Child Approach at OMS. Students of the month from the Middle School were recognized.

Student Representative Report: M. Barth reported that the Elementary had 98% attendance for spring conferences, and that reading activities are taking place for March is Reading Month. They are also getting ready for summer learning. The Middle School has Book Fair coming up, and they are working on end of year activities, including planning an Honors Night. High school is getting ready for state testing, and will resume in person learning on March 22nd. They are planning a Spring Homecoming for May 14th, and are waiting on graduation guidance and details about a potential prom.

Motion by Williams to accept with regret the resignation of Katie LaFollette, AM Bus Aide, Kim Swailes, Business Manager, Jessica Swailes, Premier Substitute, Holly Williams, Elementary Teacher, and Gwen Sutka, High School Guidance Office Administrative Assistant. Seconded by Terakedis. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Terakedis to approve the employment recommendations as presented: Hire- Lisa Johnston, Paraprofessional, Denise Schultz, Substitute Custodian, and Anita Strong, Business Manager. Seconded by Reynolds. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Williams to approve the OCS Extended COVID-19 Leaning Plan and February Attendance rate as presented. Seconded by Gast. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Gast to approve the Bond Ratification Resolution as presented. Seconded by Williams. Roll Call Vote: Ruttkofsky-yes, Gast-yes, Reynolds-yes, Williams-yes, Terakedis-yes, Gentner-yes, VanBrunt-yes. Motion carried 7-0. (Copy of resolution attached to original minutes.)

Motion by Reynolds to remove Kim Swailes, Business Manager from Onsted Community Schools Bank Michigan accounts ending in 0159, 0266, 0316, 2106, and 2361, and add Anita Strong, Business Manager. Seconded by Gast. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Terakedis to remove Kim Swailes, Business Manager from all Premier Bank accounts, MiClass accounts, Huntington Bank accounts, and UMB accounts, and add Anita Strong, Business Manager. Seconded by Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Williams to approve the network switch/upgrades bid from Presidio. Seconded by Ruttkofsky. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports: The finance committee met March 15th, 2021 at 5:30 pm to discuss Title I allotment money. This money could be used for COVID related expenditures, technology, etc, totaling to \$450 per pupil. But as it is federal money, there are stipulations as to what it can and cannot be used for.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Head presented that the February Count total was 1263 (October Count was 1266). Overall we are down 35 students from prior to the pandemic. Other county schools took larger hits; our district is hopeful that we will be able to capture these students back in the fall. Preschool programs return tomorrow and high school students return Monday, March 22nd. COVID vaccinations are rolling out and many staff members are getting vaccinated. The district is looking into a possible Rite Aid clinic for staff members, as well. The LISD may be offering an opportunity for rapid testing (voluntary) on Sunday, April 11th.

Mr. Gentner spoke to thank everyone in the district for pulling together to support Mr. Head and each other. That our biggest goal is making sure we are doing everything we can do to continue face to face instruction and keep our athletic programs going as best we can, given current restrictions and safety.

Motion by Terakedis to move to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Seconded by Williams. Roll Call Vote: Ruttkofsky-yes, Gast-yes, Reynolds-yes, Williams-yes, Terakedis-yes, Gentner-yes, VanBrunt-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting moved to Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Meeting returned to Regular Session at 9:05 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education
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