

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS
Muskegon, Michigan 49442**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Orchard View High School Community Room
16 N. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442
October 20, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Call to Order

Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by T. Joppie.

Members Present: T. Joppie, J. Taylor, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman, J. Wydeck

Members Absent: C. Bankhead, L. Nelson

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Consent Agenda Items

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- October 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole Work Session Meeting

iii. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials September, 2025
- Head Start Financials September, 2025

Motion to modify/approve all October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:

Motion: J. Eggeman

Support: J. Taylor

Carried: 5-0

d. Cardinal Pride

i. One Good Thing

- Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, introduced the new ESU Director, Olivia Zienert. Fox News did a story on the operating millage last week. Heather Lorenz-Babcock and Lyssa Cooper represent Orchard View well and we are grateful to them for that.
- Megan Johnson, principal at Orchard View Early Elementary, they just rocked their third annual trunk or treat. They have an early childhood special education inclusion program at the preschool level. Megan introduced Brianna Rose, teacher, and Pam Broughton and Savannah Lewis, paraprofessionals.
- Brandy Carey, Director of Community Education, wanted to lift up Shanda Willea, who took on another whole classroom of 3 year olds, 32 students.
- Samantha Wilson, Orchard View High School Principal, shared that October is college access month- military and manufacturing. Field trips coming up on Thursday.
- Joshua Smith, Principal Orchard View Middle School, just left CTC at the Middle Vision Open House. Every single sixth grader who is interested should be able to participate this year. Jim Nielsen and Gabby Stout were there helping out today. Natasha Brackett is taking on Destination Imagination at OVMS.
- Heather MacDonald, Cardinal Elementary Principal, had their third annual Color Run and earned over \$8,000 for the PTO. Harvest Night was last week with over 300 people in attendance. They are doing a fundraiser and have sold over 950 boxes of candy bars.

- ii. October Student of the Month
 - Nova Cooper, OVMS – Joshua Smith/Chris Norkus
 - Alexis Hibbs, OVEE – Megan Johnson/Lisa Brown
 - Nirvana Long-Ross, Head Start Preschool – Shanda Willea/Brandy Carey
 - Camila Perez, Cardinal Elementary – Heather MacDonald/Kelley Allard
 - Emilee Secrest, OVHS – Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson
- e. Public Comment

None

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Tom Hamilton spoke about student enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. We do not yet have finalized numbers. We do know that enrollment is down in every building, except OVMS (That building is up by 12.). We are down approximately 100 students overall. Ten out of eleven districts in the county have lower kindergarten numbers than in previous years. We need to be fiscally responsible.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move into Closed Session for a suspension/expulsion/reinstatement hearing and personnel @ 6:53 p.m.

Motion: J. Eggeman Support: J. Taylor

Board President asked for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Wydeck, J. Eggeman, S. Horsly, J. Taylor, T. Joppie

Nays: none

Motion to move into Closed Session passed by a 5-0 vote.

- a. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing for Student HM251310G
- b. Personnel

Motion to move into Open Session

Motion: J. Eggeman Support: J. Taylor

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Wydeck, J. Eggeman, S. Horsly, J. Taylor, T. Joppie

Nays: none

Motion to move into Open Session passed by a 5-0 vote

Resumed Open Session at 7:36 p.m.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. October Personnel Change Form

Motion to approve the staff changes per the October Personnel change spreadsheet as presented: Board Member T. Joppie abstained.

Motion: J. Taylor Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 4-0
- b. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing for Student HM251310G

Motion to recommend 180 day expulsion with opportunity for reinstatement in May with successful completion of virtual classes at MCVA or ILC in order to walk at graduation for student HM251310G as presented:

Motion: J. Taylor Support: J. Eggeman

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: J. Taylor, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie

Nays: none

Carried: 5-0

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. At this point, we are planning on Paul Gilbert presenting the audit on November 10, 2025.
- b. Gretchen and Tom will meet with Ann from Neola for a policy review on November 13, 2025.
- c. There will not be a School Boards Alliance Dinner this fall. The ISD is working on planning something for the spring.
- d. Tom went to a MASB conference on Monday for new superintendents. He learned a lot. Also, as of 2014, Board Members need training in order to evaluate a superintendent. We will work with them to be sure everyone who needs training is able to get it.

VI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

Tom J. will be out of town Tuesday morning thru Friday.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: J. Taylor

Support: J. Eggeman

Carried: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by T. Joppie.