

**ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES • WORKING SESSION**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**February 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

a. Call to Order

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

b. Roll Call

*Members Present: T. Joppie, J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman*

*Members Absent: A. Brown*

c. Consent Agenda Items

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Work Session

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- January 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

*Motion to modify/approve all February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting*

*Consent Agenda items, as presented:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman*

*Support: L. Nelson*

*Carried: 6-0*

d. Public Comment

*None*

**II. PRESENTATIONS:**

a. *Megan Johnson/Lisa Brown presented about Orchard View Early Elementary. They went over the grants that drive the OVEE work this year. There has been some conversation about 35 J and they want to speak more about 23 h. If we want something different for our students, then we are the ones who will have to do things differently, all of us. They began their work this year by listening to teachers' frustrations. There is a big focus on number sense, especially through Number Corner work. They have been investigating where we are at as a district, what are some frustrations, and where are we heading. They shared handouts with essential instructional practices in early mathematics. Board members are invited to OVEE to tour, meet students, view number corner displays...we welcome you.*

b. *Jim Nielsen and Jack Timmer spoke to the Board about the Lighting system at Orchard View High School. This has been a long term issue. The lighting system is outdated and parts are no longer available to maintain the current system. We had 3 bids come in ranging from \$364,900-\$425,000. Jim explained that it will need to come out of fund balance. We will revisit this at the next Board meeting.*

**III. DISCUSSION:**

a. *Jim Nielsen and Gretchen Beaulaux opened the discussion about 2024/2025 School of Choice openings for each grade. A chart with data on where did they come from and where did they go was shared. The Board was also given information regarding numbers of affidavits.*

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion to move into Closed Session for a suspension/expulsion/reinstatement hearing and negotiations update..*

*Motion: J. Taylor Support: C. Bankhead*  
*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:*  
*Ayes: J. Eggeman, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, C. Bankhead, J. Taylor, T. Joppie*  
*Nays: none*  
*Motion to move in to Closed Session passed by a 6-0 vote.*  
*Move into Closed Session @ 7:36 p.m.*

- a. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing for Student HI251601W
- b. Negotiations Update

*Motion to move into Open Session:*  
*Motion: J. Taylor Support: J. Eggeman*  
*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:*  
*Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman, T. Joppie*  
*Nays: none*  
*Motion to move in to Open Session passed by a 6-0 vote.*  
*Resume Open Session @ 8:28 p.m.*

**V. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Recommendation for Student HI251601W  
*Motion to expel Student HI251601W from OVHS for 180 days with the opportunity to apply for early reinstatement upon successful completion (passing all 6 classes) of MCVA in August.*  
*Motion: J. Taylor Support: J. Eggeman*  
*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote.*  
*Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman, T. Joppie*  
*Nays: none*  
*Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.*

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:**

- a. Tentatively, Cynthia Bankhead will speak at the OVHS graduation and Tom Joppie or Angela Brown will speak at the ILC graduation.
- b. OVMS Winter Choir Concert Date Change – Tuesday, March 4 @ 7 p.m.
- c. Greg Bodrie will be receiving a prestigious award in Lansing tomorrow and Jim will be attending that ceremony.

**VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:**

*none*

**VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:**

*none*

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn:*  
*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 6-0*  
*Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by T. Joppie.*