

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

Muskegon, Michigan 49442

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Orchard View High School Community Room

16 N. Quarterline Rd., Muskegon, MI 49442

April 21, 2025

6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

### I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Call to Order

*Meeting called to Order @ 6:31 p.m. by T. Joppie.*

b. Oath of Office

*Oath of Office for newly appointed board member Jack Wydeck, Leslie Nelson, and Jeffery Eggeman given by Notary Public Gretchen Beauleaux*

c. Roll Call

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

*Members Absent: none*

d. Pledge of Allegiance

e. Consent Agenda Items

a. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- April 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

b. Approval of the Minutes

- April 14, 2025 Special Board Meeting

c. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials March, 2025
- Head Start Financials March, 2025

*Motion to modify/approve all April 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman      Support: C. Bankhead      Carried: 7-0*

f. Public Comment

none

### II. Cardinal Pride/Communications:

a. One Good Thing – Jim Nielsen

- Jim Nielsen, Superintendent, is proud of the Destination Imagination team from Cardinal Elementary, and their coach, Gabrielle Stout. The team took first place at the State Competition and has fundraised the funds needed to allow them to travel to Globals in Kansas City, Missouri May 22- May 25. They will meet and compete with about 580 teams from other schools from around the world. The entry fee was \$5,500, raised in eleven days. Gabby called the members of the team up to the front and introduced them to the Board and audience.
- Samantha Wilson, Orchard View High School Principal, gives credit to Angela Prins and Phil Wilkerson for going through the initial rounds of testing at the high school. Some of it began prior to Spring Break and the remainder finished up following Spring Break.
- Nick Kunnen, ILC Director, shared that GED completion and passing of test rates are outstanding this year. Quite a few are right there at the end. Leslie Nelson mentioned that Kayla who teaches personal finance to adult ed invited her to speak to the students. They were so polite when Leslie spoke to the group and they toured the college.
- Megan Johnson, principal at Orchard View Early Elementary, talked about chicks that are being hatched in partnership with the ILC. The kids in several classrooms 'sit on eggs and when they hatch', the kids get Peeps. Kevin Richards is supporting that through the EL curriculum. They could have 50 chicks and 2 ducklings. They'll be candling next week and the ILC will be coming

over for that. They have five incubators and had to get a sixth one because so many teachers are wanting to do it.

- Chris Norkus, Orchard View Middle School Principal, gave a shout out to Gabby Stout for her help with Middle Vision, and to Kristin Lump for setting up testing.
- Heather MacDonald, Cardinal Elementary Principal, gave kudos to the second and third graders from their concerts. The fourth and fifth graders have concerts coming up this/next month. Dr. Barton has worked very hard with the students and has also been doing free will donations at the door to raise money for a new sound system.
- Tom Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, recognized Kevin Richardson, literacy coach assigned by the ISD. He works with both elementary schools, K-5. He is top notch. Has helped us bring together a K-5 team. We are blessed to have him.
- Kevin Richards, ISD Reading Consultant, stated that it is a privilege to work with the amazing people who work here and put kids first. Thanks for the opportunity to work with our staff and students.

b. April Student of the Month

- Luke Whitaker, OVHS – Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson
- Kora Barajas, OVEE – Megan Johnson/Lisa Brown
- Kelliana Summerville, OVMS – Joshua Smith/Chris Norkus
- Hazel-Grace Hiemstra, Cardinal El. – Heather MacDonald/E’lyse Benson
- Ja’Milah Ward, Community Education – Brandy Carey/Shanda Willea

### III. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Devon Raap presented information on Multitiered Systems of Support at Orchard View. She discussed Branching Minds, McKenney Bento, School Mental Health Clinicians, Trails to Wellness, Behavior Threat Assessment Model, and English Language Learned Program. Her slides are attached here.
- b. Heather Lorenz-Babcock went over Budget Amendments.
- c. Heather Lorenz-Babcock checked in with Board members to finalize a Fund Balance Resolution, stating that Orchard View will make every effort to keep their fund balance above 15%.
- d. Heather Lorenz-Babcock presented an A-91T to purchase Student Chromebooks for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$63,297.60.
- e. Jim Nielsen presented information on the Biennial MAISD Election Resolution with the MAISD. We will discuss this in April and vote on it in May. Information will be shared when it is received from the ISD. The election at the ISD is on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our representative and alternate will be determined in May and we will send a representative to vote at the meeting.

### IV. CLOSED SESSION:

*Motion to move into Closed Session for Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing for student: HM252803G 7:51 p.m.*

*Motion: J. Taylor Support: J. Eggeman*

*Board President asked for a Roll Call Vote:*

*Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie*

*Nays: none*

*Motion to move into Closed Session passed by a 7-0 vote.*

- a. Expulsion/Suspension/Reinstatement Hearing for Student HM252803G

*Motion to move into Open Session*

*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman*

*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:*

*Ayes: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Eggeman, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie*

*Nays: none*

*Motion to move into Open Session passed by a 7-0 vote*

*Resumed Open Session at 8:17 p.m.*

**V. ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Budget Amendments

*Motion to approve the 2025 Budget Amendments as presented:*

*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 7-0*

b. Fund Balance Resolution

*Motion to approve Fund Balance Resolution as presented:*

*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman*

*Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:*

*Ayes: J. Wydeck, J. Eggeman, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, C. Bankhead, J. Taylor, T. Joppie*

*Nays: none*

*Carried: 7-0*

c. April Personnel Change Spreadsheet

*Motion to approve the April Personnel changes as presented:*

*Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 7-0*

d. A-91T Student Chromebooks 2025-2026

*Motion to approve the A-91T purchase of student chromebooks from People Driven Technology in the amount of \$63,297.60. as presented:*

*Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 7-0*

e. Expulsion/Suspension/Reinstatement for Student HM252803G

*Motion to recommend 180 day expulsion with the opportunity for virtual ILC for student HM252803G as presented:*

*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, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie*

*Nays: none*

*Carried: 7-0*

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:**

a. *Mr. Nielsen had spoken to the attorney about the previous public comment and we are awaiting further clarification.*

b. *Just making sure that the board is aware of the DI team traveling to Kansas City, Missouri with their families for Globals.*

c. *Welcome to Jack Wydeck. We are happy to have you.*

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

*T. Joppie welcomed Jack Wydeck, to the School Board and also put out a thank you to the others who applied.*

**VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:**

*J. Eggeman wanted to follow up to ask about band instruments.*

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn:*

*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: L. Nelson Carried: 7-0*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. by T. Joppie.*