

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

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, February 24, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

a. Call to Order

*Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by J. Taylor*

*Members Present: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown, J. Eggeman*

*Members Absent: T. Joppie*

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Consent Agenda Items

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- February 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Work Session Meeting
- February 10, 2025 Closed Session Minutes

iii. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials January, 2025
- Head Start Financials January, 2025

*Motion to modify/approve all February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:*

*Motion: J. Eggeman*

*Support: A. Brown*

*Carried: 6-0*

d. Cardinal Pride/One Good Thing

- Joshua Smith, Orchard View Middle School Principal, stated that Mr. Norkus is at OVMS at the very close basketball game. Also, he wanted to recognize Abbie Dood, lunch detention & after school lunch detention, who handles her job/business with exceptional patience.
- Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, shared that the Licensing Consultant approved license for Cardinal Elementary so there will be another site added for OV Childcare.
- Megan Johnson, principal at Orchard View Early Elementary, told us that OVEE had their first sweetheart dance. It was a full house and was a huge success! The Fall in LOVE with letters parade was also held on the same day.
- Lisa Brown, Math Coach, said they had their first math tour at OVEE and Cardinal with visits into classrooms and number corners. The State Leader stated that it was an Epic Day and she felt so welcome.
- Elyse Benson, assistant principal at Cardinal Elementary, shared the plans for March is Reading Month coming up in March. The One School One Book is going to be the Mouse and the Motorcycle. Some local businesses will be supporting at the kickoff with Hot Rod Harley Davidson, Muskegon Motorcycle Club, Country Dairy, and the Cheese Lady on Thursday 5:30-7.
- Samantha Wilson, Orchard View High School Principal, gave a big shout out to the OVHS Bowling and Wrestling competing in State Finals
- Nick Kunnen, ILC Director, explained two big grants that are coming out right now. One is 107a which is worth 2,000,000 some dollars. They are looking to get a plethora of things.

i. December Student of the Month

- Bryson Oleniczek – Cardinal Elementary, Heather MacDonald/E'lyse Benson

ii. January Student of the Month

- Queen Neal – OVEE, Megan Johnson/Lisa Brown-*unable to attend*
- Ronan Rigdon – Community Education, Jenni Bowen

iii. February Student of the Month

- Quinn Dulinski – OVEE, Megan Johnson/Lisa Brown
- Harley Dusette – Cardinal El., Heather MacDonald/E'lyse Benson

- Ava Dood – OVMS, Joshua Smith/Chris Norkus
  - Zariah Burt – OVHS, Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson
  - Aubree Porter – Community Education, Shanda Willea
- e. Public Comment  
 Lyssa Cooper, 4886 Elmwood St., Muskegon, MI 49441  
 Lyssa came to the Board meeting tonight as a staff member who would like to share positive successes about Cardinal Elementary. She is here to shine some brightness. She is a second grade teacher at Cardinal. Being part of a team led by very strong individuals makes it easier for us to shine and grow every day. She has witnessed Earl talking to kids. Katherine, Gretchen, and Heather answering questions. Tom and Jim walking the halls and addressing the staff by name. She loves to represent and she works alongside some of the greatest and strongest leaders that she has in 25 years. They lead staff, and also students, advocating for them. We are a community of educators, being involved in some workshops with EL. Our neighboring districts want to see us in action to learn from us. The consistency of opportunities for students and families show a lot of success. Our successes and positivity well outweighs our negative. The more we work together, the more we can fly as a system. Thank you and I hope you all can celebrate alongside us.

## II. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. *Jim Nielsen presented the A-91 for Orchard View High School Lighting and Funding for Project. We are recommending that we replace the lighting system before it fails. We could possibly bill over two years and potentially use some tech and security funding.*

## III. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Motion to Approve February Personnel Change Form  
*Motion to approve staff changes per the February Personnel change spreadsheet as presented:*  
*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 6-0*
- b. Schools of Choice Resolution  
*Motion to approve the 2025/2026 Schools of Choice Resolution as presented:*  
*Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Eggeman*  
*Board President asked for a Roll Call Vote:*  
*Ayes: J. Eggeman, A. Brown, L. Nelson, C. Bankhead, J. Taylor*  
*Nays: S. Horsly*  
*Carried: 5-1*
- c. A-91 OVHS Lighting  
*Motion to approve A-91 for Orchard View High School Lighting project from Newkirk Electric in the amount of \$401,390.00..*  
*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 6-0*

## IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. FIRST Robotics March 13-15
- b. Choir Revue Show March 27-29
- c. OVEF Event is being planned. More information will be coming soon.

## V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

*As tonight's acting President, J. Taylor wants to congratulate the bowling team and give a shout out to Coach Bob Larabee.*

## VI. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

*None*

## VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn:*  
*Motion: C. Bankhead Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 6-0*  
*Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. by J. Taylor.*