BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
2310 Marquette, Muskegon, MI 49442
July 21, 2025
6:30 p.m.

<u>MINUTES</u>

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Call to Order
Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by Tom Joppie.

b. Roll Call
Members Present: T. Joppie, J. Taylor, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Wydeck
Members Absent: C. Bankhead, J. Eggeman

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Consent Agenda Items
   i. Modification/Approval of Agenda
      - July 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
   ii. Approval of the Minutes
      - June 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
      - June 16, 2025 Special Board Meeting - Budget Hearing
   iii. Report & Payment of Bills
      - District Financials June, 2025
      - Head Start Financials June, 2025

Motion to modify/approve all July 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor *Support: L. Nelson* *Carried: 5-0*

e. Cardinal Pride/One Good Thing
- Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, talked about a story that Andy O'Riley did on an Orchard View Community Education participant who turned 101 years old. Brandy has shared the video with the Board. It was a super cool 'surprise' interview that was put together by Jenni Bowen and the staff. It was a very moving clip.
- Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, gave a shout out to Earl and Jack for all of the work with the secured vestibule at OVEE and the stadium and the lighting. Those projects are running smoothly, partially due to their hard work.
- Nick Kunnen, Director of Innovative Learning Center, shared that teachers at the ILC/Adult Education are working with competency based units. They are working to be sure they are aligned to state guidelines.

f. Public Comment
none

II. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Jack Timmer, Facilities Director, presented a football stadium renovation update. We should finish on time. An updated timeline was sent with your Board Packet. Tridon will be pouring cement soon. All main power lines/wires for lights have to be moved.

b. Heather Lorenz-Babcock brought the operating millage proposal options. The three options were included in Board Packets and Heather was able to reexplain them and get some input.

c. Heather Lorenz-Babcock also discussed the School Bond Loan Revolving Fund Resolution. It involves loans from the state to pay off our debt, if we need it. We don't have to do it, but this gets us in line if we need to.

d. Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, went over the district plan for AVID Training. (AVID-Advancement Via Individual Documentation) Another team is planning to go to training in August. AVID really targets the kids that are in the C/D range, but have potential. We are asking permission to send this team of 5 out of state for this training in August.

e. Earl Schaub, Director of Custodial/Transportation, presented an A-91 for Filter First. The law states that there must be a filtered bottle filler for every 100 students. We have purchased some, but need more. They need an indicator light as well as the filters.

f. Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, went over a few highlights of teacher and support staff contracts. Both contracts were due and both groups wanted to align some of their language. They are three year contracts and that also means we have three years of calendars. Both groups got raises and steps and have more similar insurance plans. There is an increase in instructional time and more professional development focused in the beginning of the year.

g. Tom Joppie, Board President, stated that the superintendent's contract had been included in the Board packet and asked if there were any questions or discussion on that.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move into Closed Session for a negotiations update @ 7:19 p.m.
Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor
Board President asked for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Wydeck, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, J. Taylor, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Motion to move into Closed Session passed by a 5-0 vote.

a. Negotiations Update

Motion to move into Open Session
Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Taylor, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Motion to move into Open Session passed by a 5-0 vote
Resumed Open Session at 7:44 p.m.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Operating Millage Proposal

Motion to approve option 3 which would renew the current 17.8114 mills, and also seek an increase of 0.5 mill in November.
Motion: J. Wydeck Support: J. Taylor Carried: 5-0

b. School Bond Loan Revolving Fund Resolution

Motion to approve the School Bond Loan Revolving Fund Resolution as presented:
Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Wydeck, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, J. Taylor, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Carried: 5-0

c. AVID Training

Motion to approve out of state travel for the AVID conference as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor Support: L. Nelson Carried: 5-0

d. A-91 Filter First

Motion to approve A-91 to Progressive Plumbing Supply Co. in the amount of $31, 404 for purchase and installation of filter bottle fill stations and filters for faucets to comply with new law as presented:
Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor Carried: 5-0

e. Teacher Contract

Motion to approve the Orchard View Education Association MEA/NEA Teacher Contract as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor Support: L. Nelson
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Taylor, L. Nelson, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Abstain: S. Horsly
Carried: 4-0

f. Support Staff Contract
Motion to approve the Orchard View Education Support Personnel Association (OV-MESPA) Contract as presented:
Motion: L. Nelson *Support: T. Joppie*
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Wydeck, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Abstain: J. Taylor
Carried: 4-0

g. Superintendent Contract
Motion to approve the Superintendent Contract as presented:
Motion: J. Taylor *Support: J. Wydeck*
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Wydeck, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, J. Taylor, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Carried: 5-0

h. July Personnel Change Form
Motion to approve the staff changes per the July Personnel change spreadsheet as presented:
Motion: L. Nelson *Support: J. Taylor* *Carried: 5-0*

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

a. Staff Cookout – Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.
b. Special Board Meeting Time – August 11, 2025 6:00 p.m. Paul Gilbert for preaudit
c. Administrative Retreat – August 13-August 15, 2025
d. Red and Gray night – tbd
e. August board meeting location hoping for OVHS Community Room
f. Staff Orientations – New Staff 8/20, Returning Staff 8/25

VI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

Tom would like us to follow up on the Public Comment from the June Regular Board Meeting. Tom and Heather have been looking into it and will continue to look into it.
Tom J. will not be at the Regular August Board Meeting on 8/18/25.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

Janet asked if we had a new driver hired yet to replace our recently retired bus driver.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn
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Motion: J. Taylor *Support: L. Nelson* *Carried: 5-0*
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. by T. Joppie.