

BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

16 N. Quarterline Rd.

Muskegon, Michigan 49442

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 19, 2025

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Call to Order

Meeting called to Order @ 6:00 p.m. by T. Joppie.

b. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: J. Eggeman

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Consent Agenda Items

i. Modification/Approval of Agenda

- May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

ii. Approval of the Minutes

- May 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole Work Session

iii. Report & Payment of Bills

- District Financials April, 2025
- Head Start Financials April, 2025

Motion to modify/approve all May 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:

Motion: C. Bankhead

Support: J. Taylor

Carried: 6-0

e. Cardinal Pride

i. One Good Thing – Jim Nielsen

- Jim Nielsen, Superintendent, gave a shout out to Megan and Lisa about an article published in District Administration about how two brand new principals are transforming an elementary school.
- Joshua Smith, Principal Orchard View Middle School, shared that OVMS was selected as the very first school featured in What School Can Be's new Michigan spotlight campaign-celebrating innovation, student engagement, and real world learning. This statewide recognition is backed by Ted Dintersmith and Governor Whitmer.
- Brandy Carey, Director of Community Education, shared that she had recently interviewed a former student, about his upcoming role at Cardinal Camp. During the interview, Declan shared his unique aspiration to become a museum curator, a goal sparked by an engaging assignment in Mrs. Gerrans' middle school class. He also credited high school teachers like Mr. Bolthouse, Mr. Bruno, and Mr. Cole for inspiring his curiosity through their interactive teaching styles. This reflection highlights the lasting impact teachers have on students, often without realizing it. Brandy shared this story to express gratitude for the meaningful and influential work educators do every day.
- Samantha Wilson, Orchard View High School Principal, stated that, of course, we have honors assembly, seniors finishing up and other end of the year excitement. But also, we have math and English positions already filled. Working on the counseling and special ed.
- Heather MacDonald, Cardinal Elementary Principal, will host an open house at Cardinal El on the day of the OVEE Carnival for current first graders, incoming second graders. That First Grade Open House is Wednesday, May 28, 2025 4:30-5:15 p.m.
- Megan Johnson, principal at Orchard View Early Elementary, is grateful to the ILC students and the ISD-Lindsey Paige- for help with getting the gardens set up. This has been a rewarding partnership with the ILC students.

ii. May Student of the Month

- Parker Cole, OVMS – Joshua Smith/Chris Norkus
- Damon Brown, OVHS – Samantha Wilson/Phil Wilkerson
- Myles Sandifer, Orchard View Childcare– Brandy Carey/Jenni Bowen
- Kace Morehouse, OVEE – Megan Johnson/Lisa Brown
- Avelyn Cooper, Cardinal El. –Heather MacDonald/E'lyse Benson (June meeting)

f. Public Comment

Kenya Blake, 72 N. Densmore, Muskegon, MI 49442

Kenya would like to ask that students be allowed to decorate their graduation caps. She understands that there would be rules. She thinks the class advisor could regulate this. If they're not following the rules, they could be given a plain one to wear. She's a sophomore so she's looking ahead to her senior year.

Cameron Carnes, 2484 Pine Grove St., Muskegon, MI 49441

Cameron sustained a suspension through the end of the school year. He had drugs and a knife. He was the class president and homecoming king at the beginning of the year, prior to getting into trouble. He wants to be able to walk with his class and participate in the activities following graduation. He's asking the Board to take action tonight.

Andrew Vandenberg, 3531 Denver, Muskegon, MI 49445

Andrew has been an employee of Orchard View for 30 years. He has always felt a sense of belonging. He has shown commitment, dedication, and experience. The hardest thing he's ever done at Orchard View is to leave. He will be retiring at the end of the 24-25 school year. Andrew would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to 'grow up' in this district. His years began in alternative education and he transitioned to the high school, also coaching football there for several years. He was a co-chair of the first committee for the sense of belonging. To define-it is a feeling of in the hands of. It's vulnerable. In the true spirit of the sense of belonging, he would like to thank the Board, the students, the parents, the administrators who have shown him support. Finally, Andrew would like to encourage the members of the Board to visit the buildings. "Thank you so much. I'm grateful for the opportunity."

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Jack Timmer, Facility Director, discussed the purchase of gas. He had discussed this with the Board previously in October 2024. We are good on our locked in price through April 2026. He discussed the option to purchase right now at \$.45/ccf for an additional year.
- b. Heather Lorenz-Babcock, Director of Finance, presented an A-91 OVMS Student Kitchen Plumbing and Electric. Food service will pay for this and it will occur after July 1.
- c. Heather Lorenz-Babcock, Director of Finance, presented an A-91 OVMS Hoop House Plumbing and Electric. This will be paid for by a grant that food service has received.

III. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to move into Closed Session for Suspension/Expulsion/Reinstatement Hearing for student HB253004L and negotiations update @ 7:11 p.m.

Motion: L. Nelson Support: C. Bankhead

Board President asked for a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion to move into Closed Session passed by a 6-0 vote.

- a. Expulsion/Suspension/Reinstatement Hearing for Student HB253004L
- b. Negotiations Update

Motion to move into Open Session

Motion: J. Taylor Support: L. Nelson

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Motion to move into Open Session passed by a 6-0 vote

Resumed Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. A-91 OVMS Student Kitchen Plumbing and Electric

Motion to approve the A-91 purchase of middle school student kitchen plumbing and electric from Muskegon Quality Builders in the amount of \$17,398 as presented:

Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor Carried: 6-0

- b. A-91 OVMS Hoop House Plumbing and Electric

Motion to approve the A-91 purchase of middle school hoop house plumbing and electric from Muskegon Quality Builders in the amount of \$15,900. as presented:

Motion: C. Bankhead Support: L. Nelson Carried: 6-0

c. May Personnel Change Form

Motion to approve the May Personnel changes as presented:

Motion: J. Taylor Support: C. Bankhead Carried: 6-0

d. Expulsion/Suspension/Reinstatement Recommendation for Student HB253004L

Motion to recommend 180 day expulsion with the option of MCVA or ILC-virtual or in person for student HB253004L as presented:

Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Taylor

Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Carried: 6-0

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

- a. Innovative Learning Center Graduation – Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. OVHS Graduation – Sunday, June 1, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.
- c. Staff retirement party – Thursday, June 5, 2025 4:00 p.m. @ Fricano's Place
- d. Earl-bus time

VI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

a. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: C. Bankhead Support: L. Nelson

Carried: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. by T. Joppie.