BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS
Muskegon, Michigan 49442

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Orchard View High School Community Room
16 N. Quarterline, Muskegon, MI 49442
September 21, 2026
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie
Members Absent:J. Eggeman, J. Taylor

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Consent Agenda Items
   i. Modification/Approval of Agenda
      - September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
   ii. Approval of the Minutes
      - August 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
   iii. Report & Payment of Bills
      - District Financials August, 2026
      - Head Start Financials August, 2026

Motion to modify/approve all September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:
Motion: L. Nelson Support: C. Bankhead Carried: 5-0

e. Public Comment
none

II. CARDINAL PRIDE

a. Superintendent, Tom Hamilton and Community Education Director, Brandy Carey, passed out framed artwork to the artists who created artwork to be included in the District 12 month calendar.

b. One Good Thing – Tom Hamilton and Admin Staff
Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, for OVHS, our mean SAT scores went up 43 points this past year. 59 points over the past two years. That is cause for celebration.

Brandy Carey, Community Education Director, brought cards to share with the Board from the Back to School Event at Community Education. Hilary Marine presented on a little HOPE goes a long way.

Nick Kunnen, Director of ILC, shared that the ILC has focused the first two weeks of school on connecting with their community. They focused on potatoes this year. Last Thursday was their culminating event where they had a potato tasting.

Kelley Allard, Cardinal Elementary Assistant Principal discussed that at Cardinal last Thursday, they hosted their Framer's Market/ family event. They are guessing that they had about 200 in attendance. There were 48 families that participated in the Title One meeting.

Heather MacDonald, Cardinal Elementary Principal stated that the state average for MStep reading went down 1% and Orchard View third graders went up 14%.

Megan Johnson, principal at Orchard View Early Elementary, and her assistant, Lisa Brown went to the ILC to have conversations on the Learner Profile. They took that back to their

all staff PD that is working K-12, especially K-5. They are modeling a lot of things they are expecting to see. It was an incredible day of PD last Monday.

Jack Wydeck, Board member, was happy to announce that Fill the Firetruck was a success and they were able to donate a lot of food to the pantries. Thank you to E'lyse for collaborating with MTFD on this!

III. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, gave a facility needs overview and discussed some possible funding options. Seven years ago a facilities study was done. In 2023 the State of Michigan did one. Last year, another company did a facilities study. Through the 12e grant, we were awarded $8.8 million to spend on the roof and h-vac at Cardinal Elementary. If we don't spend the full amount of money on that, then we can reapply to use the rest of the money on other projects. PFM is our fiduciary group. They are working with us and ESG and our attorneys. Tom would like some Board involvement in developing a plan. He'd like to form a committee to do this. We need a prioritized list. Likely, the middle school H-Vac would be next on our list. ESG will come to a Board meeting in October and PFM will come to a Board meeting in November. Tom Joppie suggested that Tom Hamilton throw out some potential dates for a committee meeting and we could go from there.

b. Tom Hamilton, Superintendent, and Heather Lorenz-Babcock, Financial Director, updated the Board on 31aa. Heather passed out an executive summary of what we know. What we don't know if the deadline to opt in or out. The application is not available yet. Mid to late October is the expected release date.

IV. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to move into Closed Session for Superintendent Goals:
Motion: L. Nelson *Support: J. Wydeck*
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, J. Wydeck, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Motion to move into Closed Session passed by a 5-0 vote at 7:11 p.m.

a. Superintendent Goals

Motion to move into Open Session:
Motion: L. Nelson *Support: C. Bankhead*
Board President will ask for a Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: J. Wydeck, S. Horsly, L. Nelson, C. Bankhead, T. Joppie
Nays: none
Motion to move into Open Session passed by a 5-0 vote.
Resumed Open Session at 7:30 p.m.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

a. September Personnel Change Form

Motion to approve staff changes per the September Personnel Change spreadsheet as presented:
Motion: L. Nelson *Support: C. Bankhead* *Carried: 5-0*

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

a. We have a student enrollment spreadsheet that is filled out daily. We'll have a close count at the October work session, but numbers do seem to be down a bit overall.
b. Homecoming is scheduled for October 09, 2026
c. Auditors will be here Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Paul usually comes to the November work session. We'll see if that works out this year.
d. Tom met with OVMS field trip coordinator to discuss not doing the eighth grade DC trip. They are going to do the Field Museum in Chicago.

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

none

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

none

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: C. Bankhead *Support: L. Nelson* *Carried: 5-0*

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by T. Joppie.