



**Worksession Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room
275 S. Wolf Lake Road
Muskegon, MI 49442**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Worksession Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education will be called to order by President, Steve Roomsburg, at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda item Public Comments. Please turn off or silence your cell phone to avoid disruption during the Board meeting.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL will be taken with the following members present:

- Mary Ann Brodeur Pam Lane Bryant Steve Crain
- Gerry Dibble Brent Hartman Steve Roomsburg
- Craig Scott

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the February 3, 2016 Worksession Meeting be approved by adding a discussion item regarding attendance as requested by Steve Roomsburg.

Motion: Craig Scott Support: Brent Hartman Carried: 7-0
Dissenting votes: none

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS At this point in the agenda, the public may address the Board of Education. (Please state your name and address. If your comments are a specific question, please speak with the appropriate staff member after the meeting.)

Kathy Anderson—Her daughter recently did the appeal regarding attendance. It's all taken care of, but she wants to make sure that future students don't fail a class due to attendance issues when they have a doctor's slip.

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VI. CONSENT GROUPING

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the following:

Item A. Minutes of the January 20, 2016 Special Meeting and Regular Meeting (Tab 1)

Item B. The hiring of Cassady Watts, Special Education Teacher at Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 2)

Motion: MaryAnn Brodeur Support: Craig Scott Carried: 7-0
Dissenting votes: none

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM

Item A. Attendance policy

Brent Hartman wants a legal opinion on the law versus board policy. Craig Scott wants to ensure we get clarification to make sure policy and handbooks align. Steve Crain said that previous Boards had a legal opinion but Tom should review. Steve Roomsburg wants the legal opinion. Gerry Dibble agrees.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the AP Language & Composition Course Proposal previously discussed (Tab 3)

Motion: Brent Hartman Support: Gerry Dibble Carried: 7-0
Dissenting votes: none

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS At this point in the agenda, the public may address the Board of Education. (Please state your name and address. If your comments are a specific question, please speak with the appropriate staff member after the meeting.)

Gary Grampton, community member—Problems with roofs and heating. We need this stuff fixed now! We should worry about our kids we have now. There's nothing on the agenda regarding bullying. Board members should be going through the schools seeing what needs to be fixed. Fed up with the politics on this Board. Quit worrying about the financials, worry about the kids.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Steve Roomsburg—Board members do go through the schools. Building maintenance—our staff is on it on a daily basis. It is about the kids for all of us. It's not all about dollars and cents but we do have to be prudent with finances. We've implemented processes to ensure that.

Pam Bryant—Attended the recent forum and heating is being addressed. She does go into the buildings when she can. We do have to be fiscally responsible.

Steve Crain—I work and don't get in the buildings as much as I like. My position is not to point out maintenance issues; that's why we have our maintenance staff.

Gerry Dibble—We do need to revisit the bullying issues; but policies are in place to reduce it; and bullying needs to be reported.

Brent Hartman—We have recovered from a low fund balance. Revisit Worksession Meetings being in the buildings.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being 7:28 p.m.

Motion: Gerry Dibble

Support: Craig Scott

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: none