



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, August 17, 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 Regular Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education was 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 ALLEGIENCE

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

- MaryAnn Brodeur Pam Bryant Steve Crain
- Gerry Dibble Brent Hartman Steve Roomsburg
- Craig Scott

IV. 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 Crampton, 1354 S. Wolf Lake Road—Discuss Item C. Contract Extensions—feels this should be waited on. Teachers need a raise first. You don't recognize the teachers enough.

Kathy Anderson—Why did the millage fail? She asked other and they said they don't have the money and too many things asked for at one time. Still wants to see all the "tabs" information.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Steve Crain motioned that Consent Agenda Item C. be removed from the agenda.

Pam Bryant motioned and Craig Scott supported that Consent Agenda Item C. be moved to Discussion Items. Carried 5-2 Dissenting votes: Steve Crain, Brent Hartman

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Recommended Action: That the **amended** agenda for the August 17, 2016 Regular Meeting be approved.

Motion: Craig Scott Support: Pam Bryant Carried: 5-2
Dissenting votes: Steve Crain, Brent Hartman

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

- Item A. Minutes of the August 3, 2016 Worksession Meeting (Tab 1)
- Item B. Review of the payments made for the July, 2016 Bills List in the amount of \$601,471.46 (Tab 2)
- ~~Item C. One year extension of the following administrator contracts through June 30, 2018 with the 2017-18 wages to be determined by the Board prior to the 2017-18 school year (Tab 3)~~
- ~~Brian Bennett
Joanna Bennink
Gene Gifford
Pollie Gilchrist
Brent Jandron
Jason McVoy
Troy Moran
Cory Schullo~~
- Item D. Acknowledge the resignation of Robin Gosh, Paraprofessional-Monitor at Oakridge Middle School (Tab 4)
- Item E. Acknowledge the resignation of Devon Raap, Positive Behavior-Family Engagement Coordinator at Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 4)

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

VII. BOARD REPORTS (Tab 5)

- Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek
- Item B. Facilities & Operations—Cory Schullo
- Item C. Technology—Mike Rohwer

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Item A. Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model
The Board supports the Whole Child Model and wishes to utilizing the MDE's Chronically Absent definition (absent 10 or more days, for any reason, of a school year) as a key indicator metric. Waiting for Tom Livezey to come back to Board with recommended program to reduce Chronic Absenteeism.
- Item B. Board Policy Amendments (Tab 6)
6320 – Purchasing, Responsible Contracting Criteria
6321 – New School Construction, Renovation, Responsible Contracting Criteria

Preference to Local Bidders and Contracting Legal Opinion
Another draft will be discussed at the next meeting.

Item C.

Administrator Contracts

Personnel issues usually do not come to the Board unless it's a termination and it would only be in closed session. Brent Hartman asked in the past to put contracts separately for wages, especially for individuals. Some Board members felt that although there might be concerns with individuals, Board members should not micro-manage. Steve Crain thinks wages and extension should be done at the same time.

Brent Hartman motioned and Craig Scott supported to move to an Action Item tonight. Carried 7-0 Dissenting votes: none

IX. ACTION ITEMS

Item A.

Recommended Action: That the Board approves a one year extension of the following administrator contracts through June 30, 2018 with the 2017-18 wages to be determined by the Board prior to the 2017-18 school year (Tab 3)

- Brian Bennett
- Joanna Bennink
- Gene Gifford
- Pollie Gilchrist
- Brent Jandron
- Jason McVoy
- Troy Moran
- Cory Schullo

Motion: MaryAnn Brodeur

Support: Steve Roomsburg

Roll Call Vote:

MaryAnn Brodeur – yes
 Steve Crain – no
 Brent Hartman – no
 Craig Scott -- yes

Pam Bryant – yes
 Gerry Dibble – yes
 Steve Roomsburg – yes

Carried: 5-2

Dissenting votes: Steve Crain, Brent Hartman

X. 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.)

Trish Lowry—Thanks for your time on the Board. Frustrated with tonight's conversation going in circles.

Kathy Anderson—Regarding Whole Child Model and reducing Chronic Absenteeism, researched other schools and more electives would help.

Melanie Wymer—Tonight’s meeting has saddened me. We have to get back to being one team. We need to support all staff with the common goal of our children.

George Tindall—We still need the space and boilers fixed; how are we going to take care of this in the future since the millage failed?

Gary Crampton—Take into account apparent requests that you include tabs with Board packets; matter of transparency.

Kathy Coon—Regarding bids; support our local workers for projects.

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Pam Bryant—Thanks to the Board for chipping in for prizes/raffle at Community Days. Thanks to David Torrenga’s family for requesting donations to Oakridge youth softball or football teams be considered. Thought Board packet tabs would be put on overhead during meetings.

Brent Hartman—Regarding giving up comment—when you understand the concerns of a group, it’s getting business done not giving up. He asked Pam not to put words in his mouth. Some feasibility issues to not put all tabs on website.

Gerry Dibble—Feels we shouldn’t micro-manage.

Craig Scott—Wouldn’t argue that conversation went in a circle; feels things were discussed; do feel we need to learn how to do it better. We need to respect each other. Prior to being on the Board, some members had agendas and we currently have a great group of people. Let’s not hold grudges.

Steve Crain—Regarding giving up. I didn’t “give up”, I simply voted no and the majority voted yes. People need to understand that votes don’t always go the way you want. You can’t hold grudges. That is why there are 7 members on the Board. Steve Roomsburg—We’ve cut millions since I’ve been on Board. I’d love to give all staff a raise; regarding waiting to do wages in the spring—looking at fund balance. Feels our Board members don’t hold grudges.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being 8:36 p.m.

Motion: Gerry Dibble

Support: Craig Scott

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: none