



Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, August 16, 2017 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 ALLEGIANCE—The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ronda Borgman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerry Dibble | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brent Hartman |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Roomsburg | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Scott | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Smith |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Tindall | | |

ABSENT: Mike Smith, out of town

Ronda Borgman arrived at 8:15 p.m.

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.)

Alex Schoop, 70 Holiday—Supportive of our teachers, why don't they have a contract.

Janice Niles Washburn, 2nd grade teacher—Concerned with 2nd grade classroom sizes.

Bruce Beckman-Spring Lake, Uniserv Director for OEA—Concern that District issued public statement regarding negotiations. Highlighted the bargaining process and discussions with the district attorney at the bargaining table.

Mark Evans, 1998 Barnes Road—Would like his tax dollars directed toward teaching staff. Would like to see staff compensated fairly.

Jeff Lohman, 1122 S. Brooks Road—Feels the Superintendent is the common denominator in the problems with negotiations. Hopes the School Board is making governing decisions of the District.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the August 16, 2017 Regular Meeting be approved. **Amended the agenda to include recognition of Hunter Hoofman.**

Motion: Steve Roomsburg Support: Craig Scott Carried: 5-0
Dissenting votes: none

Recognition of Hunter Hoofman for his extraordinary and heroic efforts in providing life-saving care to an unknown child in need.

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

- Item A. Minutes of the August 2, 2017 Worksession Meeting (Tab 1)
- Item C. Acknowledge the resignation of Verna Davis, Paraprofessional-Library Aide at Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 2)
- Item D. Acknowledge the resignation of Rebecca Dunham, Head Secretary at Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 2)
- Item E. Acknowledge the resignation of Heather Todd, Interventionist at Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 2)
- Item F. The hiring of Catherine Cantu as Principal at Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 3) **Welcome Cathy Cantu!**

Motion: Craig Scott Support: Gerry Dibble Carried: 5-0
Dissenting votes: none

VII. BOARD REPORTS (Tab 4)

- Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek
Report reviewed
- Item B. Communications—Mary Beth Richardson
Report reviewed

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Item A. Back to School Staff Breakfast – Tuesday, August 29, HS Cafeteria 7:30 a.m.
Information provided; Board welcome to attend.
- Item B. Acknowledge the scoreboard digital marquee sponsorship donations from E & A Grocery and Anchor Insurance Group Inc.
New scoreboard installed today. Thanks for donations!

IX. ACTION ITEMS

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the recommendation to offer Universal Free Breakfast for all students K-12 as presented (Tab 5)

Motion: Craig Scott Support: George Tindall Carried: 5-0
Dissenting votes: none

Item B. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the replacement of 12 classrooms of carpet as presented (Tab 6)

Motion: Brent Hartman Support: Steve Roomsburg Carried: 5-0
Dissenting votes: none

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.)

Chad Williams, Chase, MI, MEA Representative—Encourages the Board to treat teaching staff as patriots. Please don't delay the contract.

Janice Niles Washburn, 2nd grade Teacher—Please reinstate a 2nd grade teacher.

Trudy Rosema, 4311 MacArthur—Our children are our family. Feels teachers should be fairly compensated. Concerned with number of staff resigning.

Melanie Wymer, 5640 Richmond—Remember this is about our kids. Appreciates all our teaching staff.

Todd Lowry, 1567 S. Carr Road—Challenges the Board to look into the length of time it takes other districts to negotiate.

Nancy Hamlin-3181 Defeyter—Concerned that teachers have to walk out front to get a contract, when Administrators didn't have to. As a 32 year teacher, feels teachers should be fairly compensated.

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Steve Roomsburg—Thanks to Hunter Hoofman. The Oakridge Board of Education recognizes the attendance of the OEA leadership and members at our meeting tonight. Please know that the Board appreciates the hard work and dedication of our teachers. The Board is dedicated to continuing the negotiations process with the OEA through our chief negotiators at the bargaining table. We are confident that the parties will reach a fair agreement that is in the best interest of the District, employees, and its students.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board enters closed session to consider the closed session minutes of the prior closed meeting; and for the purposes of discussing strategy and negotiations sessions connected with the collective bargaining agreements.

Roll Call Vote:

| Board Member | Vote: |
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| Gerry Dibble | Yea |
| Brent Hartman | Yea |
| Steve Roomsburg | Yea |
| Craig Scott | Yea |
| George Tindall | Yea |

Carried: 5-0

Board enters closed session, the time being 7:49 p.m.

Ronda Borman arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Board returns to open session, the time being 9:54 p.m.

Item B. Recommended Action: That the Board approves the prior closed session minutes considered during closed session.

Motion: Brent Hartman Support: Craig Scott Carried: 6-0
Dissenting votes: none

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being 9:54 p.m.

Motion: Steve Roomsburg Support: Gerry Dibble Carried: 6-0
Dissenting votes: none