



**Worksession Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**Wednesday, September 6, 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 Worksession 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 was recited.**

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

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| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Smith    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Tindall  |  |   |

**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.)

**Jeri Tyler, 2373 Hile—Thirty-three year Teacher. Concerned about the attorney costs with negotiations.**

**Paul Gillan, 3302 Arlington Avenue—Twenty-nine year Social Worker. Feels the Board**

**Nancy Hamlin—3181, DeFeyter—Thirty-three year Teacher. Please work with us to settle a fair contract.**

**Trudy Rosema—4311 MacArthur—Thank you to Jeri Tyler and Nancy Hamlin for years of service.**

**Kim Wolcott, 2349 E. Hile—Ten year teacher. Feels teaching staff should receive a fair wage. Community wants the teaching staff to receive a raise.**

**Heidi Bolles, 345 Gibbs—Sixteen year teacher. Loves being a teacher at Oakridge. Concerned paycheck has decreased due to insurance costs.**

**Cary Harger, 259 Chopin Dr.—Brought his kids to Oakridge. Finds it irresponsible that nothing was done to get a contract in place before now.**

**Jenn Fairweather—Eighteen year teacher. Apologizes for not being available at night. Will be taking on a second job. I love Oakridge.**

**Jennifer Loften, 582 Johnathan—Here to support our educators. Please treat our educators fairly.**

**Sara Bailey, 1505 Oak Forest—Sad to see what our teachers are going through. Appreciates all our teachers do.**

**Michelle DeWeerd, 5830 Frostline Dr.—Twenty-eight year teacher. Frustrated to have to picket and protest to get a contract. Doesn't feel valued. Wants to be treated and compensated fairly.**

**Kathy Brooks, 406 Fowler—Concerned with the Board President's statement at the last meeting. Please go to the bargaining table and bargain in good faith.**

## **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Recommended Action:** That the agenda for the September 6, 2017 Worksession Meeting be approved.

Motion: Craig Scott  
Dissenting votes: none

Support: Gerry Dibble

Carried: 7-0

## **VI. CONSENT GROUPING**

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

- Item A. Minutes of the August 16, 2017 Regular Meeting (Tab 1)
- Item B. The hiring of Daphne Barry as Personalized Virtual Learning Specialist at Oakridge High School (Tab 2)
- Item C. The hiring of Tracey Greenley as a Special Education Teacher at Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 2)
- Item D. The hiring of Becky Jimenez as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach (Tab 2)
- Item E. The hiring of Trisha Lowry as GSRP/Preschool Projects Manager (Tab 2)
- Item F. The hiring of Janis Milliron as Assistant Secretary at Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 2)
- Item G. Acknowledge the resignation of Wendy Carter, Interventionist, at Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 3)

Item H Acknowledge the resignation of Heather Donner, Paraprofessional-Monitor, at Oakridge Early Childhood Center (Tab 3)

Motion: Craig Scott  
Dissenting votes: none

Support: Gerry Dibble

Carried: 7-0

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**Chad Latsch, 734 N. Mill Iron—Why isn’t a step automatic?**

**Melanie Wymer, 5640 Richmond—Frustrated and concerned with the stories our teachers have shared tonight. Please work together!**

**Todd Lowry, 1567 Carr Road—Stories shared tonight are real and the stories are sad. Frustrated with progress of negotiations.**

**VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Steve Roomsburg—Clarified statement from the last meeting. I’m sorry if my statements were taken out of context. I have confidence this contract will be resolved.**

**IX. 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:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Vote:</b>
Ronda Borgman	Yea
Gerry Dibble	Yea
Brent Hartman	Yea
Steve Roomsburg	Yea
Craig Scott	Yea
Mike Smith	Yea
George Tindall	Yea

Carried: 7-0

Board enters closed session, the time being 7:55 p.m.

Board returns to open session, the time being 10:00 p.m.

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

Motion: Brent Hartman      Support: Steve Roomsburg      Carried: 7-0  
Dissenting votes: none

**Mike Smith—Recommends that the Oakridge Board of Education send an official communication to the Egelston Township Board of Trustees expressing our concern and opposition to expansion of the medical marijuana grow and dispensary operations in the Township.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being 10:06 p.m.

Motion: Craig Scott      Support: Steve Roomsburg      Carried: 7-0  
Dissenting votes: none

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