



**Worksession Meeting of the Board of Education  
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room  
275 S. Wolf Lake Road  
Muskegon, MI 49442**

**MINUTES--DRAFT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Worksession Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education was called to order by Vice President, Craig Scott, 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**

**Members Present: Ronda Borgman, Brent Hartman, Craig Scott, Mike Smith, George Tindall**

**Members Absent: Gerry Dibble, Steve Roomsburg**

**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.)

**Kathy Anderson—Concerned with travel time between cosmetology class and OPS. Has spoken to Mr. Patton about this.**

**Kevin Johnson—Stands with and support the teachers. Encourage the Board to support the teachers with a fair contract.**

**Steve Bassett, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Teacher—Concerned with morale and disrespect. Observed the same thing in Ohio recently.**

**Gary White—Concerned with the low salaries of our teachers. Believes teachers need a fair contract.**

**Kelly VenRoy—Loves her job as a teacher. Thanks the Board for their service. Feels Teachers are disrespected. Please don't make cuts on the backs of Teachers. Teachers would like to see Board members at the bargaining table.**

**Vote of the Board to extend Public Comments by 10 minutes.**

**Tom VanHeest, 32 year Teacher—Concerned with low wages for coaching staff. Concerned with the fast facts released by the District.**

**Todd Lowry—Please consider changing 20 minute guidelines on Public Comments.**

**Joe Coletta, 32 year Teacher—Leave the program better than the way you found it. Concerned with the low level of employee morale.**

**Melanie Wymer—Just received an exchange student. He is really enjoying it here. Concerned with the division and direction of the District. Lead by example.**

**Vote of the Board to extend Public Comments by 10 minutes.**

**Bob Wood—Concerned Mr. Dibble is not coming to the meetings. Concerned with the lack of Administration attendance. The Board is responsible for representing the community. Please send Board members to the negotiating table.**

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the October 4, 2017 Worksession Meeting be approved.

Motion: Brent Hartman  
Dissenting votes: none

Support: George Tindall Carried: 5-0

**VI. CONSENT GROUPING**

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

- Item A. Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Special Meeting (Tab 1)
- Item B. Out of State/Overnight Trip-Refugee One-Chicago (Tab 2)
- Item C. Out of State Trip-Chicago (Tab 3)
- Item D. The hiring of Heather Greene, Interventionist, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 4)
- Item E. The hiring of Stephanie Throop-Weber, Interventionist, Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 4)
- Item F. The hiring of Amy Umlor, Paraprofessional Monitor, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 4)
- Item G. The hiring of Tracey VanderStelt, Paraprofessional Monitor, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 4)

Motion: George Tindall  
Dissenting votes: none

Support: Ronda Borgman

Carried: 5-0

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Item A. West Michigan Health Insurance Pool—Nonaffiliated medical insurance Product  
**Review of presentation by Doug Dirks**
- Item B. Legislative Update—Federal Education Budget Trend and Proposals (Tab 5)  
**Review of proposed Federal budget and impact on public education.**

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Item A. NEOLA Updates (Tab 6)  
Board Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/ NonResident Students  
Bylaw 0167.4 Administrative Participation at Board Meeting  
**Discussion of the Board, the Board would like to see all Administrators at our Regular Meetings, including Food Service and the Athletic Director, as well as other meetings at the direction of the Superintendent.**
- Brent Hartman motioned and Craig Scott supported to move Item A. NEOLA Updates to an Action Item tonight. Carried: 5-0 Dissenting votes: none**
- Item B. Michigan Board of Education Governance Standards and Resolution for Adoptions (Tab 7)  
**The Board will review during our Organizational Meeting.**

**IX. ACTION ITEM:**

- Item A. **Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the NEOLA policy updates 5111, Eligibility of Resident/NonResident Students as presented.**

**Motion: Brent Hartman                      Support: Mike Smith      Carried: 5-0**  
**Dissenting votes: none**

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**Gary White—There is a difference in morale and productivity when you want to come to work and have to go to work.**

**Shelly Mattson, 25 year Teacher—Has chosen to stay at Oakridge. Concerned nothing is happening at the bargaining table. Please listen and absorb our comments.**

**Kevin Johnson—Former Board member and union president for Consumers Energy. We need to attract and retain good teachers.**

**Kim Wolcott, 10 year Teacher, OHS—Shared a personal story about caring and compassion.**

**XI. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Ronda Borgman—I appreciate you coming out tonight. I want to be there for you guys.**

**George Tindall—I appreciate the comments. I am absorbing it and am doing the best I can.**

**Mike Smith—Thank you for your selfless service. We are trying to figure something out for the Teachers. Please be patient.**

**Brent Hartman—I hear you, I appreciate you. I see educators here many late nights because they care. Thank you!**

**Craig Scott—I appreciate everyone being here and sharing comments. Committed to solving this not only this year but for the future. Thanks for coming out. We take your comments seriously and under advisement.**

**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:

Ronda Borgman	Yes
Brent Hartman	Yes
Mike Smith	Yes
Craig Scott	Yes
George Tindall	Yes

Carried: 5-0

Board enters closed session, the time being 8:37 p.m.

Board returns to open session, the time being 10:08 p.m.

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

Motion: Mike Smith      Support: George Tindall      Carried: 5-0  
Dissenting votes: none

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being 10:09 p.m.

Motion: Ronda Borgman  
Dissenting votes: none

Support: Mike Smith

Carried: 5-0