



**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room
275 S. Wolf Lake Road
Muskegon, MI 49442**

MINUTES-FINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education was called to order by President, Craig Scott, at **5:30 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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Scott, George Tindall, Jeff Kartes, Gerry Dibble, Ronda Borgman, Mike Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brent Hartman

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the April 25, 2018 Special Meeting be approved.

Motion: **Gerry Dibble**
Dissenting votes: **None**

Support: **George Tindall**

Carried: **6-0**

V. CONSENT GROUPING

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

Item A. Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting and April 19, 2018 Special Meeting (Tab 1)

Adding Jeff Kartes to minutes as he was missed in original.

Item B. Acknowledge the resignation of Chad Allarding, Maintenance/ Groundskeeper (Tab 2)

Motion: **Gerry Dibble** Support: **Ronda Borgman** Carried: **6-0**
Dissenting votes: **None**

VI. 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.)

None

VII. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Karen opened it up for any comments about the Fish Bowl sessions. We also had a Vision and Mission and workshop to gather ideas for a new Vision and Mission.

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Melanie Wymer, 5640 Richmond Ave: Part of the Vision should also include staff too in Mission due to a lack of unity currently. We need to be all on the same team and work together to score for the kids. We need to worry about 70% that need to be challenged and not just the 30% of students that struggle.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Jeff Kartes: Wow great process.

Mike Smith: Thank you for all the input tonight and it is welcome as everyone has great ideas.

Gerry Dibble: No one is smart as all of us.

Ronda Borgman: Thank you and love the process and thank you for all the help for the Vision

George Tindall: Love this process and conversations are being had even at the EPICS Awards last night celebrating our teachers and support staff. It

was also very cool to attend the MI Career Quest at DeVos Place today and see all the careers that the kids could cruise and try out.

Craig: Thanks to Karen for helping us dig deeper than we can do on our own. Culture is important. For some time I have asked that we work on this as part of the strategic plan as well as along side of the plan. The culture here has been poor for some time and we all suffer. **ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN!!** There is a lot of hurt in the staff, the administration, the community. We need work together to resolve our differences and heal the hurt that exists. These hurts cannot be changed by the Board or administration. It will take all of us working together to solve this. Culture can only be changed when each individual chooses to confront their hurt, let go, and move beyond it. I look forward to continuing more conversations like these to help heal our differences and move beyond them for the sake of the kids and everyone.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **7:48 p.m.**

Motion: **Jeff Kartes**

Support: **Gerry Dibble**

Carried: **6-0**

Dissenting votes: **None**

George W. Lindall