



Worksession Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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 President, Craig Scott, at **7:01 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, Cheryl Harvey, Jeff Lohman, Tammy Stolberg

Members Absent: Ronda Borgman

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the May 1, 2019 Worksession Meeting be approved.

Motion: **Jeff Kartes**

Support: **Cheryl Harvey**

Carried: **6-0**

Dissenting votes: **None**

V. 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

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

Item A. Minutes of the April 15, 2019 Special Meeting and April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting (Tab 1)

Item B. Acknowledge the resignation of Esmeralda Mendoza, Paraprofessional at Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 2)

Item C. Acknowledge the resignation of Dai-Trang Thai, Special Education Teacher at Oakridge High School (Tab 2)

Motion: **Jeff Lohman**
Dissenting votes: **None**

Support: **Jeff Kartes**

Carried: **6-0**

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item A. Review Michigan State Police Safety Grant projects for procurement. (Tab 3)
Moving to a discussion item for next meeting to gather more information.

Item B. Update on Phase 2 Facility Needs Focus Group process. (Tab 4)

Item C. Review Muskegon Area ISD 2019-20 Budget and Resolution. (Tab 5)
Moving to Action Item at next meeting

Item D. Consider resolution to support School Finance Research Collaborative (needs-based school funding model) (Tab 6)
Moving to Action item C tonight.

Item E. Review property/timber revenue (Tab 7)
Reviewed and discussed to bring new Board Members up to speed. No action at this time.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board accept the donations and approve the purchasing plan, as presented and discussed, to replace the artificial turf in Russell A. Erickson Stadium and directs the superintendent to execute the contract with AstroTurf for said work and communicate the Board's appreciation for the generosity of donors. (Tab 8)

Motion: **Jeff Lohman**
Dissenting votes: **None**

Support: **Cheryl Harvey**

Carried: **6-0**

Item B. Recommended Action: That the Board approves the school bus replacement plan as presented. (Tab 9)

Motion: **George Tindall**
Dissenting votes: **None**

Support: **Jeff Kartes**

Carried: **6-0**

Item C. Recommended Action: That the Board supports the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADEQUATELY FUNDING MICHIGAN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution states the legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission states the urgency could not be greater regarding our falling K-12 performance, given that Michiganders underperform their peers, ranking 41st on fourth-grade reading performance nationally; and

WHEREAS, these unacceptable statewide outcomes are clearly not a result of changing demographics as some suggest, as Michigan's higher-income and white students are also among the worst performing in the country; and

WHEREAS, the way we fund Michigan's public schools is fundamentally broken; and

WHEREAS, we must reexamine our approach and develop an equitable funding formula model that ensures ALL students, regardless of their circumstances, can achieve and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative is a broad-based, diverse and bipartisan group of community, business and education leaders, from Metro Detroit to the U.P., who agree it's time to change how our schools are funded to cover the true cost of educating students; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative adequacy study provides lawmakers and the public with the best, most accurate and reliable information on what it truly costs to educate ALL Michigan students; and

WHEREAS, the SFRC report and other research clearly demonstrates the need to increase funding for our schools and target education funding more effectively;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakridge Public School Board calls upon the Michigan Legislature to fulfill its commitment to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools with the resources recommended in the School Finance Research Collaborative report to enable each child to achieve proficiency on Michigan standards; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Michigan's school funding formula should reflect the true cost of providing an education that meets the individual needs of each child with a weighted formula for students in poverty, special education and English language learners, giving all an equal opportunity to meet the performance standards set by the State of Michigan and the State Board of Education.

Motion: **Craig Scott**

Support: **Jeff Lohman**

Carried: **6-0**

Dissenting votes: **None**

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Kyle Gilbert 5200 Lee Ave Fremont, MI: Wanted to point out that roads are important as well as education funding. The busses drive on them from a repair and communication perspective.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Jeff Lohman: I would like to say that I support the 911 surcharge as I believe it is needed and would like to invite the Board to share their comments too. Everyone on the Board tonight said they are in support of the 911 surcharge. Tom stated that he is also sending out information out to the school community in his weekly email with information on it to make sure everyone has information on it in order for the community to come to their own decision.

George Tindall: I would like to see us offer a life skills class, financial literacy, and home economics. Is this something that Pollie could look at adding in the future? Tom said we do have applied math course that we do offer that has some of the financial literacy items in it. We do continue to have conversations with the State on Michigan Merit Curriculum to offer that but are locked into that. We have not yet received any course proposals from staff.

Tammy Stolberg: Tom thanks for mentioning the township the festival for school. It was nice to see the marching band in the parade last year.

Jeff Kartes: Excellent dialogue tonight I really enjoy working with this Board. I appreciate all the work that you have been doing Tom with the bond focus groups. I am excited to see the new turf go down as we do need to replace it. I am and hoping that it will be accepted by the community as a good decision also. With the focus groups going on, I am hoping that will help also. I also want us to look into the Student Ambassador program that MASB put out. Maybe over the summer we can dig into that.

Craig Scott: I appreciate the great dialogue tonight too, George. We seem to be able to talk about any topic that comes before us. The years I have been on the board, we continue to get good members. I thank everyone who was on the board in the past too.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education 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:

Jeff Kartes **Yes**
Craig Scott **Yes**
George Tindall **Yes**
Jeff Lohman **Yes**
Tammy Stolberg **Yes**
Cheryl Harvey **Yes**

Ronda Borgman **Absent**

Carried: **6-0**

Board enters closed session, the time being **8:57 p.m.**

Board returns to open session, the time being **9:19 p.m.**

Item B. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the prior closed session minutes and tonight's closed session minutes considered during closed session.

Motion: **Jeff Kartes** Support: **Tammy Stolberg** Carried: **6-0**
Dissenting votes: **None**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **9:20 p.m.**

Motion: **Tammy Stolberg**

Support: **Cheryl Harvey**

Carried: **6-0**

Dissenting votes: **None**