



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Oakridge Early Education Center  
1050 S. Carr Road  
Muskegon, MI 49442**

**MINUTES - DRAFT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education will be called to order by President, Jeff Kartes, 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**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Jeff Kartes  Jeff Lohman  Douglas DeWitte  Tammy Stolberg  
 George Tindall  Craig Scott  Brandon VanDonkelaar

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the February 28, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved.

Motion: **Craig Scott**

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: **7-0**

Dissenting votes: **Choose an item.**

**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. During public comments, in person attendees may raise their hand to be recognized. Board Bylaw 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings applies for this meeting.

**Jessica Wood had concern about co-teaching for Special Education.**

**Kendra Robinson a public defender for Muskegon is running for Judge for the 2024 election.**

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Item A: Eagle Excellence Award (Tab 1) **Congratulations Tamara.**

## **VII. CONSENT GROUPING**

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

Item A. Minutes of the January 31, 2024 Special Meeting and Regular meeting (Tab 2)

Item B. Review of the payments made for the January Bill List in the amount of \$793,146.13 (Tab 3)

Item C. Resignation of Rebecca Birdsell, Teacher, Oakridge Middle School (Tab 4)

Item D. Termination of Andrea Brooks, Paraprofessional, Oakridge Middle School (Tab 5)

Item E. Hire of Ashley Blekking, Paraprofessional – Mandated Special Education Aide, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 6)

Item F. Hire of Brianne Babinec, DCIT (Tab 7)

Item G. Robotics team Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trip (Tab 8)

Motion: **Douglas DeWitte** Support: Tammy Stolberg

Carried: **7-0** Dissenting votes: **Choose an item.**

## **VIII. BOARD REPORTS**

Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek (Tab 9)

Item B. MTSS – Matt Koekkoek (Tab 10)

Item C. Facilities & Operations—Cory Schullo (Tab 11)

Item D. Food Service—Nick Lazo (Tab 12)

Item E. Technology—Rex Thelen (Tab 13)

Item F. Transportation—Jake Hunt (Tab 14)

Item G. Buildings—Jason McVoy - OHS (Tab 15), Jason McVoy - OMS (Tab 16), Clayton Breiler – OUE (Tab 17), Angela Ogden – OLE (Tab 18), Jayne Silvers – ECC (Tab 19)

Item H. Athletics—Rick Ruel (Tab 20)

Item I. School Safety-Security – Curt Theune (Tab 21)

## **VIX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Item A. Annual Collaborative Schools of Choice Plan for 2024/2025 (Tab 22) **Moving to an Action Item at next Board meeting.**
- Item B. Resolution for 2023-24 General Fund Budget Amendment (Tab 23)

## X. ACTION ITEMS

- Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board approve the Resolution for the Adoption the amendment to the 2023-24 General Fund Budget (Tab 23)

Motion: **Craig Scott**      Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: **7-0**      Dissenting votes: **Choose an item.**

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## XII. BOARD COMMENTS

Douglas made comments of good data for DCIT report. He also commented on the new produce vendor and World foods in the food service department. Was glad to see good strides in attendance.

Jeff Lohman enjoyed to 100-year pictures for OLE. Jeff also wanted to see some more data on office referrals. Jeff commented on the canine searches that were done, as he seen that in the financial reports.

Brandon asked about some DCIT data between Tier 1 and Tier 2. A small handful of kids that have issues. Brandon also asked a little more about the Exchange Student with Fremont. Brandon also enjoyed the 100-year pictures and Market Day.

Craig asked about if we are better after COVID in behaviors and family engagement. Jason seems to think we are getting back to normal, but have some hurdles to get over especially academically. Clayton commented that the systems in place are starting to make a difference.

Jeff Kartes asked about bill list for Ottawa Consortium and Rex supplied some more detailed information. The DCIT report has some valuable information from Matt. Jeff was surprised that Food Service provide dinner to some students and was happy to see that. Jason commented that Fremont had positive comments about Oakridge due to our class sizes. Jeff said it was good to see all the family engagement at the OLE enrichment night.

**Jeff shared When the Board gets a text message about something from Tom just don't comment.**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **8:07 p.m.**

Motion: **Craig Scott**

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: **7-0**

Dissenting votes: **Choose an item.**