



**Work session Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room
275 S. Wolf Lake Road
Muskegon, MI 49442**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Work session Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education will be called to order by President, Jeff Kartes, at **6:00 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 ☒ Krista Ritchard ☒ Douglas DeWitte ☒ Tammy Stolberg
☒ George Tindall ☐ Craig Scott ☐ Brandon VanDonkelaar

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the November 5, 2025, Worksession Meeting be approved.

Motion: Douglas DeWitte

Support: Tammy Stolberg

Carried: 5-0

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 contact the appropriate employee outside of this 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. **None**

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

- Item A. Approval of the Minutes from the October 22, 2025 Regular Meeting and October 23, 2025 Special Meeting (Tab 1)
- Item B. Hire of Candace Musk, Special Ed Mandated 1:1 Paraprofessional (Tab 2)
- Item C. Hire of Haley Levault, Special Ed Mandated Paraprofessional, ECSE (Tab 3)
- Item D. Acknowledge the resignation of Lynn Becklin, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and State/Federal Programs Specialist (Tab 4)
- Item E. Hire Benjamin Vander Ploeg, High School Special Education Teacher (Tab 5)

Motion: George Tindall

Support: Douglas DeWitte

Carried: 5-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education enters closed session for the purposes of discussing strategy related to negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement, to consider material that is exempt from discussion or disclosure under other state or federal laws, to consider information pertaining to attorney client privilege, and to conduct the evaluation of the Superintendent per his request for closed session.

Motion: Douglas DeWitte

Support: Krista Ritchard

Carried: 5-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

Board enters closed session, the time being **6:03 p.m.**

Board returns to open session, the time being **7:28 p.m.**

- Item B. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the closed session minutes and the separation agreement considered during closed session.

Motion: Douglas DeWitte

Support: Krista Ritchard

Carried: 5-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Jeff thanked Lynn for all her service and wished her well in her next endeavors, and for Tom and Todd for the presentations tonight.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **7:30 p.m.**

Motion: Douglas DeWitte

Support: Tammy Stolberg

Carried: 5-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.