Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Oakridge High School – Media Center
5493 Hall Road
Muskegon, MI 49442

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular 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 19, 2025, 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 contact the appropriate employee outside of this meeting. During public comments, attendees may raise their hand to be recognized. Board Bylaw 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings applies for this meeting.

To ensure due process and respect of individual rights, the District maintains a formal process for handling complaints against individuals. A problem involving an individual or specific incident is best handled through administrative channels. Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by your comments. While it is not our intent to stifle public comment, speakers should be aware that if your statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, you may be held legally responsible. If you are unsure of the legal ramifications of what you are about to say, we urge you to consult first with your legal advisor.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Item A. Effectiveness of vaping reduction strategies on secondary campus presentation (Tab 1)

VII. CONSENT GROUPING

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the following:
Item A. The meeting minutes of the November 5, 2025, Work session meeting (Tab 2)
Item B. October bill list in the sum of $1,198,089.23 (Tab 3)
Item C. Recognize the termination of Haley Levault, ECSE Paraprofessional, Oakridge Early Childhood Center (Tab 4)

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

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

VIII. ADMIN REPORTS

Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek (Tab 5)
Item B. Student Supports – Carla Kevern (Tab 6)
Item C. Facilities & Operations—Cory Schullo (Tab 7)
Item D. Food Service—Nick Lazo (Tab 8)
Item E. Technology—Rex Thelen (Tab 9)
Item F. Transportation—Jake Hunt (Tab 10)
Item G. Buildings—Jason McVoy - OHS (Tab 11), Jason McVoy - OMS (Tab 12), Clayton Breiler – OUE (Tab 13), Angela Ogden – OLE (Tab 14), Mandi Barber – ECC (Tab 15)
Item H. Athletics—Rick Ruel (Tab 16)
Item I. Safety & Security – Curt Theune – (Tab 17)

IX. DISCUSION ITEMS

Item A. Red Cross Agreement requesting to use facilities as shelters when disasters strike (Tab 18) **Moving to an Discussion Item at a future Board meeting.**
Item B. Consider cost savings analysis for purchase of a 10-passenger van for sports trips and McKinney Vento student transportation needs (Tab 19) **Moving to an Action Item at this evening's meeting.**

X. ACTION ITEM

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board purchase of a 10-passenger van after verification of warranty for conversion and base vehicle for sports trips and McKinney Vento student transportation needs (Tab 19)

Motion: Craig Scott **Support: Douglas DeWitte**

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

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Brandon VanDonkelaar made of comments of good reports as usual.

Jeff Kartes asked about the Technology adds that were done during the Admin reports.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education enters closed session for the purpose of conducting the evaluation of the superintendent, per his request, and to discuss strategy connected to the negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion: Craig Scott **Support: Douglas DeWitte**

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

Board enters closed session, the time being **7:04 p.m.**

Board returns to open session, the time being **7:37 p.m.**

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

Motion: Craig Scott **Support: Krista Ritchard**

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

Item C. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to submit the districts name supporting the Amicus Brief pertaining to the 31aa law suit at no cost.

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

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **7:38 p.m.**

Motion: Craig Scott **Support: Krista Ritchard**

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