



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Oakridge Upper Elementary School
481 S. Wolf Lake 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 **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 and Moment of Silence for Luke Layman.

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 March 26, 2025, Regular Meeting be approved.

Motion: Tammy Stolberg

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

Adam Carlson made read written comments about issues at Oakridge Upper Elementary with a 6th Grade classroom.

David and Jenifer Randall also spoke about issues at Oakridge Upper Elementary with a 6th Grade classroom.

Emma Randall also spoke about issues at the Oakridge Upper Elementary 6th Grade classroom from her perspective as a student in that class room.

Anne Grabe also spoke about issues at Oakridge Upper Elementary with a 6th Grade classroom.

Baily Grabe also spoke about issues at the Oakridge Upper Elementary 6th Grade classroom from her perspective as a student in that class room.

Tammara Radford also spoke about issues at Oakridge Upper Elementary with a 6th Grade classroom on how the issue has affected their child.

Roger Taylor Spoke about a book that was reviewed by a committee earlier last week. He was also asking for minutes of that particular meeting.

Justin Geisinger spoke about some bus issues with his child in transit from the Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary, and has concerns about Bullying issues.

Lila Handling (sp?) spoke about some issues that her children had similar to what Justin spoke about. She would like to see more discipline at Oakridge Upper Elementary.

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

- Item A. Minutes from the Worksession meeting of March 12, 2025 (Tab 1)
- Item B. February Bill List in the sum of \$961,667.53 (Tab 2)
- Item C. Retirement of Margaret Vanderwagen, Paraprofessional-Mandated Special Education Aide (instructional), Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 3)

Motion: Douglas DeWitte

Support: George Tindall

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

- Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek (Tab 4)
- Item B. MTSS – Carla Kevern (Tab 5)
- Item C. Facilities & Operations—Cory Schullo (Tab 6)
- Item D. Food Service—Nick Lazo (Tab 7)
- Item E. Technology—Rex Thelen (Tab 8)
- Item F. Transportation—Jake Hunt (Tab 9)
- Item G. Buildings—Jason McVoy - OHS (Tab 10), Jason McVoy - OMS (Tab 11), Clayton Breiler – OUE (Tab 12), Angela Ogden – OLE (Tab 13), Mandi Barber – ECC (Tab 14)
- Item H. Athletics—Rick Ruel (Tab 15)
- Item I. Safety & Security – Curt Theune – (Tab 16)

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Item A. Presentation from Middle/High School – School improvement efforts (Tab 17)
Item B. Presentation from Upper Elementary – Sensory Room (handout)

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approve the proposal to replace obsolescent student Chromebooks and iPads as presented. (Tab 18)

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

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Adam Carlson finished his written statement from Public Comments earlier.

Tammy Radford shared additional comments about personal issues affecting the issues with the 6th Grade classroom. And asked a on how the issue has affected their child.

Anne Grabe shared additional comments about the 6th Grade classroom issue and how last year also affected the kids. Asked how this can be fixed.

Dave and Jennifer Randall shared additional comments about the 6th Grade classroom issue. Talked about Teacher retention and having quality Teachers. Jennifer shared some class room experiences.

Crystal Spurgeon shared about the 6th Grade classroom issue.

Justin Geisinger Shared about Suspension Policy,

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Doug made some positive comments about bringing back the Carnival and highlighted a few other Board Staff reports.

Jeff also highlighted many Staff Board reports.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **7:28 p.m.**

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.