



**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 - FINAL**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom.**

**David and Jenifer Randall also spoke about issues at Oakridge Upper Elementary with a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom.**

**Emma Randall also spoke about issues at the Oakridge Upper Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

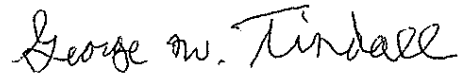
Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **7:28 p.m.**

**Motion: Craig Scott**

**Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar**

**Carried: 7-0**

**Dissenting votes: Choose an item.**



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Secretary of the Board of Education