



**Special Meeting  
of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room  
275 S. Wolf Lake Road  
Muskegon, MI 49442**

**MINUTES-DRAFT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special 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 April 22, 2025, Special 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, in person attendees may raise their hand to be recognized. Board Bylaw 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings applies for this meeting.

**Attorney Helen Brinkman shared about the current Supreme Court case on books and the ability for Parents to opt out of materials. She also reminded the Board their responsibility and how they could be held accountable for actions.**

**The Taylor's shared comments about the Glass Castle book and how she feels about how it is traumatizing the children and how the Teacher is unqualified to handle that material in the book. She also shared how her daughter has been affected by this issue.**

## **VI. CONSENT GROUPING**

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the following:  
Item A. Minutes from the Worksession Meeting of April 16, 2025 (Tab 1)

**Motion: George Tindall**

**Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar**

**Carried: 7-0**

**Dissenting votes: Choose an item.**

## **VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Item A. Consider recommendation of special committee established under Board Policy 9130 Public Complaint regarding instructional materials and develop a resolution reflecting decision of the Board (Tab 2)

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board approve the proposal to adopt the DNA Assessment Platform and EduClimber MTSS Platform as presented (Tab 3)

**Motion: Douglas DeWitte**

**Support: Tammy Stolberg**

**Carried: 7-0**

**Dissenting votes: Choose an item.**

Item B. Recommendation Action: The Board approve the resolution developed during Discussion Item A as presented.

**Motion: Douglas DeWitte**

**Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar**

**Carried: 7-0**

**Dissenting votes: Choose an item.**

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**Roger Taylor shared about other books in the library and how a Memoirs are handled compared to other books. He also suggested in an opt in option rather than an opt out of any material.**

**Attorney Helen Brinkman Appreciated the law and reminded us about School Code and Board Policy and how this book is against the School Code. She also reminded us that we may have committed a crime!**

**Brea Brabenec shared how the process was very thorough and appreciated how serious the Board took this. She also reminded that the Board are elected officials and are not Employees of the District.**

**Cindi Taylor reminded the Board that the signature page was not on the Syllabus**

#### **X. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Jeff Kartes had Tom share how a community meeting is being put together on how to navigate the library system, curriculum and Safety and cell phone use.**

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **6:52 p.m.**

**Motion: Craig Scott**

**Support: Douglas DeWitte**

**Carried: 7-0**

**Dissenting votes: Choose an item.**