



**Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 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, Doug DeWitte, 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 January 27, 2026, Special Meeting be approved.

**Motion: Brandon VanDonkelaar**

**Support: Jeff Kartes**

**Carried: 6-0**

**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. STUDENT DUE PROCESS HEARING**

Ask parents if they wish to enter into closed session....if so:

A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education enters closed session for the purpose of a student due process hearing.

**ROLL CALL**

☒ Jeff Kartes ☒ Krista Ritchard ☒ Douglas DeWitte ☒ Tammy Stolberg  
☒ George Tindall ☐ Craig Scott ☒ Brandon VanDonkelaar

**Carried:** 6-0      **Dissenting votes:** Choose an item.

Board enters closed session, the time being **6:02 p.m.**

Board returns to open session, the time being **8:02 p.m.**

B. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the resolution presented and discussed during closed session which shall be considered the minutes of this closed session student due process hearing.

**Motion:** Jeff Kartes

**Support:** Krista Ritchard

**Carried:** 6-0

**Dissenting votes:** Choose an item.

**VII. BOARD COMMENTS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **8:05 p.m.**

**Motion:** Jeff Kartes

**Support:** Brandon VanDonkelaar

**Carried:** 6-0

**Dissenting votes:** Choose an item.