



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, January 28, 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 Regular Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education will be called to order by President, Doug DeWitte, at **6:01 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 28, 2026, Regular Meeting be approved.

Motion: Jeff Kartes

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. **None**

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

- Item A. The meeting minutes of the January 14, 2026, Organizational/Worksession meeting (Tab 1)
- Item B. December Bill list in the sum of \$888,524.76 (Tab 2)
- Item C. Hire of Megan Vokes, Speech and Language Pathologist, Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 3)
- Item D. Tier 1 Services Specialist Contract for Brianne Babinec (Tab 4)

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

VII. 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)

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Item A. Consider adoption of a peer-to-peer program for high school students to explore career awareness opportunities serving younger students (Tab 18) **Moving to Action Item at next Board meeting.**
- Item B. Hanover Research Program Evaluation: Executive Summary of Phase I and II Discipline Data Analysis (Tab 19)

IX. CLOSED SESSION

- Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education enters closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy connected to a collective bargaining agreement and to consider attorney client privileged information.

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Krista Ritchard

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

Board enters closed session, the time being **7:05 p.m.**

Board returns to open session, the time being **8:03 p.m.**

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

Motion: George Tindall

Support: Krista Ritchard

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

Item C. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the OSEPA ratified wage opener considered during closed session.

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Jeff Kartes

Carried: 7-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.