



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room
275 S. Wolf Lake Road
Muskegon, MI 49442**

MINUTES - DRAFT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education will be called to order by President, Doug DeWitte, at **7:00 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 ☒ Douglas DeWitte ☒ Tammy Stolberg ☒ George Tindall
☒ Craig Scott ☒ Brandon VanDonkelaar ☒ Erin Schmitz

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the September 30, 2026, Regular Meeting be approved,

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

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. **None**

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Item A. Welcome Foreign Exchange Students and Families **Will be rescheduled**
- Item B. Overview of Special Education Services and Statewide Trends
by Carla Kevern Ph.D. (Tab 1) **Great presentation**

VII. **CONSENT GROUPING**

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

- Item A. The meeting minutes from the September 9th, 2026 meeting (Tab 2)
- Item B. Bill list in the sum of \$754,253.49 (Tab 3)
- Item C. Recommendation to hire Courtney Moe, Title one Interventionist, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 4)
- Item D. Recommendation to hire Alissia Smith, 35n Interventionist, Oakridge High School (Tab 5)
- Item E. Recommendation to hire Makayla Wall, SpEd Mandated Paraprofessional, Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 6)
- Item F. Resignation of Colin Kolkema, DCIT Position, Oakridge High School (Tab 7)
- Item G. Resignation of Jacquelyn Ball, 35n Interventionist, Oakridge High School (Tab 8)
- Item H. Consideration and approval of Dawn Porter for the additional duties of Homebound Teacher, Oakridge Public Schools (Tab 9)

Motion: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Support: Craig Scott

Carried: 6-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

VIII. **ADMIN REPORTS**

- Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek (Tab 10)
- Item B. MTSS – Carla Kevern (Tab 11)
- Item C. Facilities & Operations—Cory Schullo (Tab 12)
- Item D. Food Service – Amber Lawrence (Tab 13)
- Item E. Technology—Rex Thelen (Tab 14)
- Item F. Transportation—Jake Hunt (Tab 15)
- Item G. Buildings—Jason McVoy - OHS (Tab 16), Jason McVoy - OMS (Tab 17), Clayton Breiler – OUE (Tab 18), Angela Ogden – OLE (Tab 19), Mandi Barber – ECC (Tab 20)
- Item H. Athletics—Rick Ruel (Tab 21)
- Item I. Safety & Security – Curt Theune – (Tab 22)
- Item J. Tier I – Bre Babinec (Tab 23)

IX. DISCUSSION

- Item A. Annual Report for OAITC – Technology Support Consortium (Tab 24)
- Item B. Unofficial enrollment trends (Tab 25)
- Item C. Consider Textbook/Novel Adoption recommendation for High School English Language Arts Courses as presented (Tab 26) **Board has assessed these or have read these books. If Parents want to opt out of any of the books there is a policy to do so. Moving to an Action Item at next Board meeting.**
- Item D. Consider Thrun Updates to Board Policy:
- **2100 Official Description, Purpose, and Board Organization**
 - 2104 Student Representative on the Board (optional)
 - **2200 Board Powers**
 - 2201 Board Powers
 - 2202 Authority to Enter into Contracts
 - 2203 Authority to Establish Curriculum
 - **2300 Board Member Conduct**
 - 2301 Conflict of Interest
 - 2302 Board Code of Ethics
 - 2303 Violation of Board Code of Ethics
 - 2304 Gifting
 - 2305 Board Member Reimbursement and Travel Expenses
 - 2306 Board Member Compensation
 - **2400 Board Membership and Duties**
 - 2401 Board Member Elections
 - 2402 Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office
 - 2403 Board Member Terms of Office
 - 2404 Board Member Vacancies and Appointments
 - 2405 Board Officers
 - 2406 Board Officers' Duties
 - **2500 Board Meetings and Open Meetings Act Compliance**
 - 2501 Meetings
 - 2501A Electronic Board of Education Meetings
 - 2501A-F-1 Electronic Board Meeting Checklist
 - 2501A-F-2 Advance Notice of Remote Participation
 - 2501A-F-3 Electronic Board Meeting Notice
 - 2501A-F-4 Affidavit of Website Posting of Public Notice of Electronic Board Meeting
 - 2502 Board Meeting Agenda
 - 2503 Voting Requirements
 - 2504 Public Participation at Board Meetings
 - 2505 Board Committees
 - 2506 Organizational Meetings
 - **5400 Curriculum, Instruction, and Parent Involvement**
 - 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development
 - 5407-F Instructional Materials Opt-Out Form (Not Sex Education, Family Planning, and/or Reproductive Health)
- Moving to an Action Item at next Board meeting.**

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Brandon and Doug highlighted many Administration reports. Thank you Tom for the work on policy review.

Craig Scott made a motion to remove closed session and Items A and Item and Item B.

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar

Carried: 6-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

Item A. ~~Recommended Action:~~ That the Board of Education enters closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy connected to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

~~_____ Motion: Choose an item. _____ Support: Choose an item.~~

~~_____ Carried: Choose an item. _____ Dissenting votes: Choose an item.~~

~~Board enters closed session, the time being~~

~~Board returns to open session, the time being~~

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

~~_____ Motion: Choose an item. _____ Support: Choose an item.~~

~~_____ Carried: Choose an item. _____ Dissenting votes: Choose an item.~~

XI. ACTION ITEMS

Item C. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education ratifies the Oakridge Public Schools Education Support Professional Association 2026-2030 collective bargaining agreement considered during closed session.

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: George Tindall

Carried: 6-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

Item D. Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves wage increases for maintenance workers as presented (Tab 27).

Motion: Craig Scott

Support: Erin Schmitz

Carried: 6-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **10:03 p.m.**

Motion: Tammy Stolberg

Support: Erin Schmitz

Carried: 6-0

Dissenting votes: Choose an item.