Work session Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Administration Offices—Board of Education Room
275 S. Wolf Lake Road
Muskegon, MI 49442

MINUTES - FINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Work session 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 ☒ Douglas DeWitte ☒ Tammy Stolberg ☒ George Tindall
☐ Craig Scott ☒ Brandon VanDonkelaar ☒ Erin Schmitz

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: That the agenda for the October 14, 2026, Work session 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. **None**

VI. CONSENT GROUPING

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

Item A. The meeting minutes from the September 30, 2026 meeting (Tab 1)

Item B. Bill list in the sum of $1,236,850.75 (Tab 2)

Item C. Acknowledge the position change for Briell Tjapkes from ASD 1:1 to SpEd Mandated Para, Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 3)

Item D. Acknowledge the position change for Carly Sumerix from Paraprofessional Monitor to SpEd Mandated Para, Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 4)

Item E. Recommendation to hire Kassandra Breihan, SpEd Mandated Para, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 5)

Item F. Resignation of Melissa Mueller, Interventionist, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 6)

Motion: Tammy Stolberg **Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar**

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

VII. DISCUSSION

Item A. Consider Thrun Updates to Board Policy:

- 2104 Student Representative on the Board
- 2302 Board Code of Ethics
- 2306 Board Member Compensation
- 2501A Electronic Board of Education Meetings
- 3101 Insurance
- 3102 Smoking, Tobacco Products, Drugs, and Alcohol
- 3103 Copyright Compliance
- 3104 School Cameras and Monitoring
- 3105 Visitors and Volunteers

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Item A. Recommended Action: That the Board adopt Thrun Policy 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development to replace NEOLA Policy 2240 or 9130.

Motion: Brandon VanDonkelaar **Support: Tammy Stolberg**

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

Item B. Recommended Action: Textbook/Novel Adoption recommendation for High School English Language Arts Courses as presented (Tab 7)

Motion: Brandon VanDonkelaar **Support: Tammy Stolberg**

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

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Brandon thanked Tom for doing all the due diligence for the new Policy review.
Jeff is glad to be back at the Board table.
Tammy got a call about the audit this year.
Erin completed CBA 102-106 and shared her experience with the Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **6:46 p.m.**

Motion: Jeff Kartes **Support: Brandon VanDonkelaar**

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

George W. Tindall

Secretary of the Board of Education