Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Wednesday, October 28th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Oakridge High School
5493 Hall Rd
Muskegon, MI 49442

MINUTES - FINAL

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Oakridge Board of Education will be called to order by Vice President, Craig Scott, 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 28th, 2026, Regular Meeting be approved,

Motion: Jeff Kartes **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.

Tina Morse commented about concerns about AP classes for Junior Students not

being offered. She also shared what she did to get this resolved.

Adam Carlson also shared his concerns about AP classes and time lines. Wants to make sure that AP classes still get offered to Junior students that are thriving.

Alex Cunningham also shared thoughts about AP classes not being offered that had affected his students College academics.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Item A. Welcome Foreign Exchange Students and Families
Item B. Secondary Instructional Rounds and Coaching (Tab 1)

VII. CONSENT GROUPING

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the following:
Item A. The meeting minutes from the October 14th, 2026 meeting (Tab 2)
Item B. Recommendation to hire Kathryn Watkins, 35n Reading Interventionist, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 3)
Item C. Recommendation to hire Layla Moulds, Title I Interventionist, Oakridge Upper Elementary (Tab 4)
Item D. Recommendation to hire Caelin Wagner, SpEd mandated Paraprofessional, Oakridge Lower Elementary (Tab 5)

Motion: Tammy Stolberg **Support: Jeff Kartes**

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

VIII. ADMIN REPORTS

Item A. Finance—Todd Hronek (Tab 6)
Item B. MTSS – Carla Kevern (Tab 7)
Item C. Facilities & Operations—Cory Schullo (Tab 8)
Item D. Food Service – Amber Lawrence (Tab 9)
Item E. Technology—Rex Thelen (Tab 10)
Item F. Transportation—Jake Hunt (Tab 11)
Item G. Buildings—Jason McVoy - OHS (Tab 12), Jason McVoy - OMS (Tab 13), Clayton Breiler – OUE (Tab 14), Angela Ogden – OLE (Tab 15), Mandi Barber – ECC (Tab 16)
Item H. Athletics—Rick Ruel (Tab 17)
Item I. Safety & Security – Curt Theune – (Tab 18)
Item J. Tier I Services - Erin Hedrick & Bre Babinec – (Tab 19)

Comments on the Admin Reports can be found under Board Comments

IX. DISCUSSION

Item A. Consider Thrun Updates to Board Policy:

3200 Finance and Borrowing

3201 Accounting
3201A Financial Management for Federal Awards or Intentionally Left Blank
3202 Budget and Truth in Budgeting/Taxation Hearings
3203 Deposits
3204 Investment of Funds
3205 Disbursements
3206 Property Tax Levies
3207 School Activities Fund
3208 Surety Bonds of District Officials or Intentionally Left Blank
3209 Debit/Credit Cards
3210 Borrowing
3211 Post-Issuance Tax Compliance
3212 Post-Issuance Disclosure Compliance
3213 Electronic Transactions of Funds and Automated Clearing House Arrangements

3300 Facilities, Real and Personal Property

3301 Purchasing and Procurement
3301A Purchasing and Procurement with Federal Funds
3302 Acquisition of Real Property
3303 Gifts and Donations
3303-F Gifts and Donations Form
3304 Use of District Property
3305 Sale or Lease of District Property
3306 Construction Bidding
3307 Construction Administration
3308 Distribution of Printed Material and Advertising in School
3309 Bus Inspections

Item B. Enrollment Estimates from Count Day (Tab 20)

Item C. Review Aggregate Growth (SGP) in Student Achievement on Local Benchmark Assessments and State MSTEP Assessments (Tab 21)

Item D. Review Aggregate Proficiency in Student Achievement on Local Benchmark Assessments and State MSTEP/SAT Assessment Results (Tab 22)

Item E. Review Grade Level Proficiency in Student Achievement on State MSTEP/SAT Assessment Results (Tab 23)

X. BOARD COMMENTS

George highlighted the comments that Staff shared that It is refreshing that the staff is learning all the tools they need to be better.

Jeff commented that all of the learning investment will eventually help the students in scores, but growth is key. He also commented about the Emergency alert systems and cyber security and threats. He asked about the changes in conference changes with athletics. I am glad to be back. Great meeting!

Craig commented that the Teachers are doing well, but the State standards compete with that at times, and it gets in the way of educating the students.

Tammy appreciated the relationships that Curt has with the students.

Erin thanked for the reports being new to the Board. She highlighted the food service and Lower Elementary field trips. Erin completed CBA 107. CBA 108, CBA 109 and is on her way to Certification.

Brandon highlighted the field trips and the hard works that is going on with the new teaching systems. He also asked about the snow season prep and Corey explained the prep.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Action: That the meeting be adjourned; the time being **8:01 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