



Minutes of (X) Regular () Special Meeting March 20, 2024

Secretary's Initials _____

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President, Catherine Shamion, 6:00 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call:	Present	Absent	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Yakovich, Trustee
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Ojala, Trustee
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann Wuorinen, Secretary
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marti Wegner, Vice President
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Shamion, President

Also present: Tammy Gibson Megan Hagen Matt Jacques Meghan Lane Heidi Lauzon Ashley Nevins
 Patty Ollila Jackie Pintar Rebecca Samson Alan Tulppo Debra Zelinski

1. Motion by Marti Wegner, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve the February 21, 2024 Regular Board Minutes as presented in the Board Packet.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:	Present	Absent	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Yakovich, Trustee
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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Russell Bailey, to approve vouchers, in the amount of General Education \$43,182.52; Special Education - \$86,611.76; Career & Technical Education - \$35,219.16; Ten Cents Grant - \$0; Early Literacy and Educator Eval. Grant - \$202,840.21; Office of Field Service - \$30,736.45; Payroll - \$445,882.83.

Voice Vote:

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Visitors: Jared Stenson, Michelle Trier, Karen Kangas, Tracey Mulder, Sara Sivula, Holly Caudill

Visitors' comments:

Recognition:

Early Childhood: Children's Museum/Gus Macker Presentation: Mike Grayson, City of Wakefield side of Gus Macker, and Meghan Lane presented a slide show for a Gogebic County Children's Museum. Mike talked about how successful the Gus Macker has been. In their first year they had 83 teams and their 2nd year they had 146. This year's tournament is set for July 27th, 2024. They are hoping for 200 teams this year. The money they raise from the Gus Macker would go towards starting a Children's Museum. They would like to create an Advisory Board. This would be made up of 5-6 people from the County. They discussed possible other ways to earn funds towards the museum.

Old Business: Superintendent Evaluation

3. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Russell Bailey, to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Superintendent rated with a highly effective score of 33.23 out of 35.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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New Business:

4. Motion by Marti Wegner, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve continued exploration for GSC Fundraising and Children’s Museum Plan

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve the discontinuation of the Career & Technical Education Construction Program for the 2024-25 school year.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

6. Motion by Russell Bailey, supported by Jim Ojala, to approve the layoff notification for the Career & Technical Education Construction teacher effective June 5, 2024.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

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7. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Russell Bailey, to approve the layoff notification of the Career & Technical Education Construction paraprofessional effective June 5, 2024.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

8. Motion by Ann Wuorinen, supported by Carol Yakovich, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Rebecca Binkley, Curriculum Consultant.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

9. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Russell Bailey, to approve Financial Program, Schools Open.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.



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10. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Russell Bailey, to approve the GOISD funding the conversion costs for districts switching to Schools Open.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

11. Motion by Russell Bailey, supported by Jim Ojala, to approve Department and Administrative Restructuring Plan.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Jim Ojala, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve Ashley Nevins to serve as Associate Superintendent starting July 1, 2024.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.



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13. Motion by Russell Bailey, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve posting for and hiring a Director of Instructional Services.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

14. Motion by Ann Wuorinen, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve posting for and hiring an Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

Voice Vote:

Roll Call:

Present	Absent	
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Vote: Ayes 6 Nays Absent 1 Motion Carried.

Directors' Reports

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Tulppo discussed with the Board a restructuring plan to make us more efficient to focus on specific areas. He discussed splitting General Education Director into 2 positions - Student Health and Wellness which would include the Nurses, Social Workers, and Behavioral Analyst and Instructional Services which would include Early Literacy, MTSS, Math, and School Improvement. Megan Hagen will be the director of Student Health and Wellness.

Ashley Nevins will be the Associate Superintendent when Alan is out of office, starting July 1, 2024.

MAISA has named the GOISD the lead applicant for 23h funding. Grant applications would be submitted and managed by GOISD.

Alan along with a small group will be a meeting on Monday, March 25th with leaders from Aspirus to discuss other alternatives to closing the ER in Ontonagon.



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Financial Report: We have been contacted by the auditors to schedule preliminary audit work. The GOISD audit is scheduled for August, Ewen-Trout Creak beginning of September, and Watersmeet is the end of September. We have started building the salary schedule for 24/25. We will partner with MAISA as applicant and fiscal agent for the 23h Improving Mathematics Teaching and Learning grant. Tammy Gibson is recommending Schools Open for our new Finance Software. We would like to offer assistance to the districts who would be converting with us – Watersmeet, Wakefield, Bessemer, and Ewen. Ironwood has stated they will still with their current program and Ontonagon is undecided.

General Education Report: Orders have been placed and are in the process of being delivered for the Classroom Library Makeover Project. We have received donations from Horace Mann (\$400), Mike Larson (\$600) and Kiwanis (\$400). We had our first Math and Literacy Summit Session on March 1st. Erin Brown and Rusty Anderson, Math and Literacy consultants from MAISA joined us to show how this work connects the state-wide math and literacy efforts. With the large amount of grants this fiscal year, Megan Hagen has been assisting the local districts with navigating the grants and the requirements for each.

Career and Technical Education Report: CTE Program Exploration events are planned for March and April. We will be meeting with approximately 180 sophomores to share information about CTE programs. We have been working with Gogebic Community College on revising our articulation agreements for CTE programs. Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Summary has been completed. We have been awarded \$36,000 from 61s FFA Grant Funding. For the 24-25 school year, nursing will be a 2-hour block course located at the CTE building in Ontonagon. Ashley Nevins has been asked by Dr. Harmala, to serve on the interview committee for the OCTE State Director.

Special Education Report: A joint education association letter opposes the Dyslexia bills. The bills need to be targeted more to help legislators understand what needs to change to lead to a support decision by MAASE. Scholl Community Impact Group is an Equine Assisted Therapy facility that we are beginning to use located in Winchester, Wisconsin. The February Parent Advisory Committee Meeting was held. We have 5 members and still need a representative from Watersmeet and Bessemer. The District Representative Training is scheduled for April 25th. Thrun Special Education Law Boot camp Webinar Series began March 20th.

Early Childhood Report: Great Start Collaborative was awarded \$5,000 grant from UP Perinatal. All of our GRSP and Little Learners lead teacher staff will be attending a Michigan Model for Early Childhood Health Pre-K on Friday, March 15th in Bergland. We are still working the Diocese and OLOP church to transition everything over to the GOISD. Meghan Lane is working very closely with Ontonagon's Superintendent to open a GSRP classroom for the 2024-25 school year.

REMC Report: Steve, Josh and a group of around 35 will be attending the MACUL conference in Detroit March 15-17. REMC1 coordinated a group registration for the local schools. REMC1 and Western UP MiSTEM Network recently assisted local districts in applying for the 99B computer science funds. Eight districts were awarded funds with a regional total of \$300,000. REMC1 continues to assist schools with their USAC/E-rate eligible discounted projects.



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12. Motion by Russell Bailey, supported by Jim Ojala, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. EDT.

Voice Vote: In favor Opposed Absent Motion carried to adjourn.

President

Secretary