



Minutes of ( X ) Regular ( ) Special Meeting . . . . . September 20, 2023

Secretary's Initials \_\_\_\_\_

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President, Jim Ojala, at 6:00 p.m.EDT, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present:  Tammy Gibson  Megan Hagen  Matt Jacques  Pam Johnson  Meghan Lane  Heidi Lauzon  
 Ashley Nevins  Patty Ollila  Mark Rainey  Rebecca Samson  Alan Tulppo  Debra Zelinski  Debbie Vargas

1. Motion by Carol Yakovich, supported by Bill Steiger, to approve the August 16, 2023 Regular Board Minutes as presented in the Board packet.

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| Voice Vote: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                          |                                   |
| Roll Call:  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Aye                                 | Nay                      |                                   |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Russell Bailey, Trustee           |
|             |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent Catherine Shamion, Trustee |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carol Yakovich, Trustee           |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marti Wegner, Treasurer           |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ann Wuorinen, Secretary           |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bill Steiger, Vice President      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jim Ojala, President              |

Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Russell Bailey, supported by Marti Wegner, to approve the August 28, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented in the Board packet.

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| Voice Vote: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |                          |                                   |
| Roll Call:  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Aye                                 | Nay                      |                                   |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Russell Bailey, Trustee           |
|             |                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent Catherine Shamion, Trustee |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carol Yakovich, Trustee           |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marti Wegner, Treasurer           |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ann Wuorinen, Secretary           |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bill Steiger, Vice President      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jim Ojala, President              |

Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried.



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3. Motion by Bill Steiger, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve vouchers, in the amount of General Education \$153,537.85; Special Education - \$94,881.54; Career & Technical Education - \$113,138.97; SSOS Grant - \$105,309.00; Early Literacy and Educator Eval. Grant - \$1,099,260.02; Office of Field Service - \$28,992.52; Payroll - \$347,788.04.

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| Voice Vote: | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                     |                          |                              |
| Roll Call:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Aye                                 | Nay                      |                              |
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|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Russell Bailey, Trustee      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Catherine Shamion, Trustee   |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carol Yakovich, Trustee      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marti Wegner, Treasurer      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ann Wuorinen, Secretary      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bill Steiger, Vice President |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jim Ojala, President         |

Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried.

Visitors: Rachael Brutger, Rebecca Binkley, Shelly Trier

Visitors' comments: None

Old Business:

New Business:

4. Motion by Marti Wegner, supported by Russell Bailey, to approve the hiring of Carla Loeffler, Physical Therapist.

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| Roll Call:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Aye                                 | Nay                      |                              |
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|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Russell Bailey, Trustee      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Catherine Shamion, Trustee   |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Carol Yakovich, Trustee      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Marti Wegner, Treasurer      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ann Wuorinen, Secretary      |
|             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bill Steiger, Vice President |
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Vote: 6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried.



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5. Motion by Bill Steiger, supported by Marti Wegner, to approve the contract with Julie Imhoff, Occupational Therapy Services with the following compensation: \$ 65.00 per hour.

Voice Vote:   
 Roll Call:       Aye      Nay

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Vote:                  6 Ayes                  0 Nays                  1 Absent                  Motion Carried.

6. Motion by Marti Wegner, supported by Carol Yakovich, to approve the 2 year contract with Parallel Learning for Speech and Language Services.

Voice Vote:   
 Roll Call:       Aye      Nay

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Vote:                  6 Ayes                  0 Nays                  1 Absent                  Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Bill Steiger, supported by Marti Wegner, to approve trading in and replacing the 2019 Ford Escape with a 2019 Jeep and a difference in cost of \$9419.00.

Voice Vote:   
 Roll Call:       Aye      Nay

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Vote:                  6 Ayes                  0 Nays                  1 Absent                  Motion Carried.



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Directors' Reports:

**Superintendent Report:** Superintendent Tulppo reported that last week he met with the MARSP group and gave a presentation on GOISD initiatives and the state of K-12 education in Michigan. On Monday, Superintendent Tulppo, Ashley Nevins, and Jim Ojala attended the WUPPDR Dinner Meeting in white Pine. Highland Copper was the keynote.

**Financial Report:** Tammy Gibson reported that Ewen-Trout Creek's audit is almost complete. The GOISD's audit is about half complete and Watersmeet's audit is underway. This time of year, the Business Office is also busy with grant applications, state reporting, and final expenditure reports for grants.

**Grant Report:** Mark Rainey reported that the transition of the Title I SSoS Grant is moving well. The GOISD's responsibilities end for this grant on 9/30/23. Our partnership with MAISA on the early math and early literacy grant continues. Mark Rainey and Debbie Vargas thanked the GOISD Grant Team and GOISD Board of Education for the partnership over the past 9 years. Superintendent Tulppo and Jim Ojala thanked Mark Rainey and Debbie Vargas. Their reputation and relationship with MDE has been invaluable to the GOISD.

**General Education Report:** Megan Hagen reported that it was a very busy start to the school year. Thank you to everyone who helped with the busy PD week in August. HRA funding was used to provide our schools with Ice Packs, Emergency First Aid Kits, and AED's. We are working on AED distribution to the Districts. Megan Hagen told the Board that in 1920, the GOISD provided mental health services to 57 students. In the 2022-23 school year, 207 students received direct services, there were 3256 Individual Therapy Sessions, 302 Group therapy Sessions, 121 Instances of crisis response, and 28 Family sessions.

**Career and Technical Education Report:** Ashley Nevins shared the updated enrollment report for CTE. We are currently serving 60% of juniors and seniors in CTE, with an increase of 36 students from last year. CTE videos ,supported by grant funding, are complete . The videos will be shared with the hope of creating a greater awareness of CTE within our local communities. There will be two local career exploration events coming up in Gogebic and Ontonagon counties at no cost to local districts.

**Special Education Director Report:** On October 13, the UP Special Education Conference will be held in Escanaba. Some of our GOISD Staff and local district staff will be attending the event. Heidi Lauzon has been visiting our GOISD Center based program classrooms, which currently support 65 students from ECSE through Transition age. Rebecca Samson and the EarlyOn team are working to develop processes to better organize and streamline our 0-5 population services. The General Education and Special Education departments will hold standing monthly meetings for collaboration to express concerns, solve problems, and support an efficient and effective multi-tiered system for the six local districts and the center-based programs in both counties.

**Early Childhood Report:** Meghan Lane reported that the Great Start Collaborative is working on scheduling family events and parent training in both counties. GSRP classes started in Wakefield and Ironwood on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Slots in both locations are close to being filled.

**REMC Report:** The new GOISD fiber has been largely installed as of 9/1. The new fiber network will be ten times faster than the old system while providing increased flexibility for the GOISD districts today and into the future.



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8. Motion by Russell Bailey, supported by Bill Steiger, to adjourn at 6:37 P.M. EST.

Voice Vote:        6 In favor    0 Opposed    1 Absent    Motion carried to adjourn.

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President

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Secretary