

# OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

## Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, August 18, 2023 8:30am

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Meeting held at:

Old Mission Peninsula School

2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Igra called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

The following board members were present: Amanda Igra (President) Chris Johnston (Vice-president), Susie Shipman (Secretary/Treasurer), Will Gibb and Shaina LaFond. Jen Kuhar was excused.

Non-Board Members Attending:

Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent

Kaitlyn Thomas (Bailey), OMPS Principal

Jan Weckstein, GVSU (remotely)

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

Joy Stehlik, Axios HR

Chris Stoddard, Axios HR (remotely)

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Shipman and supported by LaFond to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

### 5. MEETING MINUTES

#### a. July 14, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by LaFond and supported by Gibb to approve the July 14, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 6. OMPEF UPDATE

Peters shared the recent changes to the OMPEF board structure, including Chris Radu taking over the role of president. Shipman thanked OMPEF for sharing the expense for the new carpeting in the main office.

### 7. OMPS PTO UPDATE

No report this month.

### 8. GVSU REPORT

Jan Weckstein reports:

- Grand Rapids Principals Meeting on 11am to 1pm on October 19<sup>th</sup> (there is also a livestream option).
- Laker Leader Nexus meetings for school leaders to collaborate on trends and issues are resuming this fall in October.

Legislative Updates:

- On July 20, Governor Whitmer signed the FY 2023-2024 School Aid budget (SB 173) into law. This budget sets the foundation allowance at \$9,608 per pupil (except for cyber charter schools, where the allowance remains at \$9,150 per pupil). Other budget highlights include:
  - At-Risk (31a). At-risk funding was increased by \$204.5 million, bringing the total appropriation to \$952.0 million. Funding will be distributed via a newly-created opportunity index that

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provides higher per-student payments to districts and charter schools with higher concentration of poverty.

- Universal School Breakfast and Lunch. \$160.0 million was appropriated to provide for universal free school breakfast and lunch for all pre-K to 12th grade students, when combined with other federal and state funding.
- Special Education. Special education funding was increased by \$310.3 million to reduce the amount of a special education pupil's foundation allowance that counts towards special education costs to 0%. This means that schools will receive the full foundation allowance per special education student plus the 28% reimbursement for costs.
- On July 11, Governor Whitmer signed SB 66, which requires the MDE to develop age-appropriate informational material relating to sexual assault and sexual harassment and make that material available to all schools that operate any of grades 6 to 12.
- GVSU currently reviewing all academy board information to ensure all board members are current with oaths of office and citizenship
- The 2023-2024 virtual board training schedule is now on the GVSU CSO's website. This year's training will kick off on September 20 with a legislative overview featuring MAPSA's Dan Quisenberry. All trainings can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/cso/boardtraining](http://www.gvsu.edu/cso/boardtraining).

### 9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

#### a. Leadership Report

Kolle spoke of the productive partnership she and Thomas (Bailey) had in tackling plans and preparations for the year ahead.

Thomas (Bailey) reported:

- New staff – all positions are filled
  - Kindergarten: Sarah Marek, who comes to OMPS with 26 years of experience (15 years in kindergarten)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Abigail Harnish, a new MSU grad who has a passion for science and stem
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Emily Byrd, also new MSU grad, she has a minor in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speaker of Other Languages)
  - After Care/Aide: Aida Deloach – OMPS is excited to bring aftercare back. Aida is a native Spanish speaker and will be a positive addition to the crew.
  - Building Sub: Dave Vachon, who comes to OMPS with extensive experience
- Summer camps finished and were very successful and are great publicity for OMPS (note: most camps ended up with waitlists)
- Intervention – Thomas is working to revamp the procedure with a push-in method, where Leslie Ketco will push in to classrooms to meet the minutes for children on her caseload. Benefits include children not missing out on instructional time and teachers also having time to meet with other students to further differentiate and extend learning for students ready to move past grade level.
- Sustainable Landscaping donated time, crews, funds, and donations fundraised from other vendors (trees, mulch, sand, sod) to make significant grounds/maintenance improvements. They plan to help over the longer term to improve the property and work with OMPS to fundraise for longer term projects. We are very grateful for their support!

### 10. BUSINESS

#### a. Monthly Financial Report – July

Davis reviewed the monthly report for July, noting the revenues and expenses are on track. With leadership, adjustments are being made as needed.

Davis reported that the annual audit starts in two weeks. Everything looks on track for the end of June numbers – there are no surprises coming into the audit. The audit report is expected to come to the board in October.

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Thomas (Bailey) has been onboarded with a budget meeting with Kolle and Davis.

b. Axios HR Renewal Agreement 2023-2024

Chris Stoddard of Axios HR reviewed the renewal. The board did not have any additional questions.

Proposed Action Item: Approve Axios HR Renewal Agreement 2023-2024.

Motion to approve the Axios HR Renewal Agreement 2023-2024 made by Shipman and supported by Johnston. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. OMPS Student Handbook 2023-2024

Proposed Action Item: Approve OMPS Student Handbook 2023-2024

Motion to approve the OMPS Student Handbook 2023-2024 made by LaFond and supported by Gibb. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Committee Reports

Academic Committee to meet Monday (Igra/LaFond/Gibb).

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Shipman and Gibb are both gone for September meeting.

Shipman thanks all who are working to get OMPS ready for the coming school year, including our leaders, staff, OMPEF, PTO and especially to Sustainable Landscaping for their huge contribution to improving the grounds of the school.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by LaFond and supported by Johnston. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.



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Board Secretary