

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Special Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, October 25, 2024 8:30am

Meeting held at:

Old Mission Peninsula School

2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER

Shaina LaFond called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

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

Non-Board Members Attending:

Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

Chris Radu, OMPEF

Mason Felker, OMPS Teacher

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

5. MEETING MINUTES

a. August 16, 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Kuhar and supported by Sanders to approve the August 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. OMPEF UPDATE

Chris Radu reported there will be a Fundraiser November 12 at the Boathouse and provided an update on foundation status and infrastructure priorities. Identified that a Property Condition Report is needed to assist in developing a plan for what's needed in the long-term. Noted that within a few years, some board members will likely move on, so there is always a call for more members.

Shifted Zeffy for non-profit fundraising platform, which saves a good amount on administrative expenses.

Suggested that after the fundraiser, OMPEF and OMPS begin the lease renewal discussion for the building lease set to expire in mid-2025.

Peters added that Terry Harding still funds the garden maintenance in the rear of the building. Management of on-site activity was discussed.

7. OMPS PTO UPDATE

LaFond reported that November's Diversity and Inclusion month is being supported again by the PTO. Bailey shared that Track & Trail was successful this year, increasing from last year's event, and that the Holiday Store is coming up.

8. GVSU REPORT – no report

9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

a. Leadership Report

Bailey reported:

- Just finished beginning of year assessment at all grade levels. Teachers will meet with Reading and Math supports from the ISD to look at individual students needs. Teachers are grateful for the preceding ½ day off so they could prepare well for the parent/teacher conferences this week. Thank you to the community for support for staff during parent-teacher conferences: The Boathouse, PTO, and Mission Proper.

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- The first count day totaled 147 enrolled students K-5. OMPS also has 30 tuition-based pre-school students.
- Touch a Truck was very successful thanks to the work of Cobey Taylor and Renee Kolle in recruiting volunteers. Students learned about and got to explore inside of a fire truck, public bus, power line vehicle, tow trucks, and street sweeper.
- Apple crunch day was last week: students met in the gym, crunched on apples simultaneously, and talked about and celebrated agriculture, healthy eating and farmers, which is so important in the Old Mission community.

10. BUSINESS

a. Quarterly Financial Report – 1st Q 2024-2025 School Year

Shipman reviewed the financial report provided by Davis and noted the audit is near completion and will be filed timely with the State of Michigan and GVSU.

Radu suggested to ask Davis about liquid instrument to earn percentage on cash.

Proposed Action Item: Approve Quarterly Financial Report – 1stQ 2024-2025 School Year

Motion made by Shipman and supported by Johnston to approve the Quarterly Financial Report – 1stQ 2024-2025 School Year as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. GVSU Charter Contract Update

LaFond reported that GVSU has approved OMPS for renewal of the charter contract at the maximum of seven years and reviewed the GVSU Renewal Report outlining accolades and opportunities for improvement. Consensus to use the detailed information within the report to align with strategic planning process and marketing.

c. Legislatively Required Board Training Update

LaFond reviewed that on August 22, the law changed and required training for board members who complete evaluation of the administration. LaFond has been looking at the options, all of which are similarly priced. GVSU and ISD offer options. As long as training occurs prior to the evaluation next year, the OMPS board will be compliant.

Bailey noted that administration and all teachers have completed the required training as it relates to school staff.

d. Committee Reports (if any)

a. Strategic planning process:

LaFond reported that the process is continuing: Kolle is meeting with Ben Wolmer to address communication, one of the goals of strategic planning process. Ashley Troy from the ISD is assisting Kolle in other areas.

Bailey noted it will be priority to loop staff and the participants back in to show that the plan is active.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

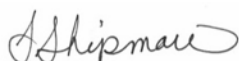
Consensus to cancel the November board meeting and move December regular meeting to December 13th.

Shipman notes gratitude to admin and teachers who are the reason the school has been and is so successful.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Board Secretary