

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, March 14, 2025 8:30am

Meeting held at:

Old Mission Peninsula School

2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER

LaFond called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

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

Non-Board Members Attending:

Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

Matt Missias, GVSU

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting (remotely)

Joh Stehlik, Axios HR

Ben Walmer, OMPS Parent

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Sanders 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. February 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

LaFond noted corrections.

Motion made by Sanders and supported by Kuhar to approve the February 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. OMPEF UPDATE

Peters noted that OMPEF held a board meeting recently, and that two board members (herself and David Knapp) will be resigning from the board. There are some ideas about prospective new members. The financial situation is stable, but there is a need for a larger fund for long term support for OMPS.

7. OMPS PTO UPDATE

No report this month.

8. GVSU REPORT

Missias:

- Noted the board nominations later in the agenda for reappointment of LaFond and the appointment for the vacancy from Gibb leaving will meet GVSU board meeting scheduling for appointment approval.
- CSO Stakeholder survey results will be released in April.
- Read GVSU statement regarding support as larger issues of uncertainty and impacts on GVSU schools.
- A webinar for new charter school bills has happened – Missias can share a link.
- Budget negotiations at the state level are being monitored.
- School Celebration and Social coming up: purpose is to celebrate boards and school leaders.
- March is reading month – notes that OMPS has a lot planned for this.
- Photo contest is open. OMPS has won a few times. Submissions due April 11.
- Charter Schools week is in May, including day at the capital. Contact MAPSA for more information.
- College prep support is available – opportunity for the first class that graduate OMPS in 2019.
- GVSU Board trainings are coming up in April, May and June.

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- Thanked Kolle for her coming attendance and presentation on charter school renewal in Grand Rapids.

9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

a. Leadership Report

Kolle reported:

- OMPS is officially a Green School: OMPS is successful at 10 qualifying activities. These can be classroom and teaching related or direct sustainability achievements in the school building.
- New law regarding behavioral threat assessment and management: Kolle will complete MSP training.
- Grant 35j will support purchase of new version of ELA.
- Reading month: Michigan State Representative Betsy Coffia is coming to read to OMPS students in celebration and support of reading month.

10. BUSINESS

a. Monthly Financial Report – February

Davis: all operations are proceeding as planned. No significant purchases outside of grant-supported purchases. Operating close to zero for the year.

b. Amended 2024-2025 General Operating Budget

Davis reviewed a high-level summary of the amendment: revenue has decreased slightly due to revenue being under for pre-k, increase in per pupil aid due to extra students and supplemental payment from State of Michigan. A small decrease in federal revenues (REAP) which will impact the timing of technology purchases. A slight increase in expense due to staffing for special education requirements and increase in salary expense due to staff leave is balanced out by a decrease in technology expense and tightening up on a range of other miscellaneous budget line items.

Proposed Action Item: Approve Amended 2024-2025 General Operating Budget

Motion made by Shipman and supported by Gibb to approve the Amended 2024-2025 General Operating Budget Resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Updates regarding government: Discussions at state and federal level will have no impact to current fiscal year. Federal grants going away would require OMPS to cut the support staff expense typically tied to that revenue. State: increase in per pupil aid, but no one time payment for charter schools like there was in the current fiscal year. This results in a net zero increase for OMPS. Leadership and Davis have already started discussions and are monitoring the situation carefully.

c. OMPS Investment Update

Shipman: Finance committee asked Davis to share the discussion the committee had regarding next steps for investment options.

Davis reviewed a cash analysis, recommended that OMPS keep cash for 2 months of operations.

Sanders: noted that OMPS will want liquid investments that OMPS can use if needed.

Davis: two options for making the investments: Work with Huntington Bank locally (offers opportunity for relationship), or MILAF (all investments will be legal for charter school).

Shipman noted that for Huntington, a board member would need to commit to having that relationship.

Sanders offered to connect with MILAF to find out more about what they offer.

d. Board Nomination Resolution for Reappointment of Shaina LaFond and Appointment of Ben Walmer

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Nomination resolution in packet. LaFond and Shipman met with Walmer and discussed board membership commitment and his qualifications and interest in serving and are recommending nomination to fill the coming vacancy of Gibb's seat as he moves on at the end of his term.

Proposed Action Item: Approve Board Nomination Resolution

Motion made by Shipman and supported by Kuhar to approve the Approve Board Nomination Resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Shipman thanked Gibb for his service to the school, and LaFond thanked him specifically for his work on the Academic Committee.

e. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee: Shipman notes that Sanders, Igra and Shipman met with Davis prior to this meeting to discuss the budget amendment and investment options.
- b. Academic Committee: LaFond notes that Gibb and LaFond have been the members, but another member will need to step into Gibb's role after his term ends.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

LaFond: will be completing training to ensure compliance with required Rater Reliability training.

LaFond: kitchen equipment – working with Chef Korrie on replacement schedule. Hoping for OMPEF support.

Will share Recent board training materials with the board.

Shipman: shared her interest in a community meeting being held in the OMPS gym in June for the Peninsula Township non-motorized transportation planning process (which Shipman is working on in role as a township planning commissioner).

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.



Board Secretary