

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, May 16, 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 8:33 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

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

Non-Board Members Attending:

Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent

Kaitlyn Bailey, OMPS Principal

Matt Missias, GVSU

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting (remotely)

Joy Stehlik, Axios HR

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

LaFond proposed amending the agenda to move the 5th grade student council update earlier because the students have an assembly at 9:00 am. Motion made by Sanders and supported by Johnston to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

5. MEETING MINUTES

a. April 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Johnston and supported by Gibb to approve the April 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

- The students are participating in the ABC Countdown for Fun Fridays
- The students are looking forward to their end-of-year celebrations.
- Invitations for the 5th-grade graduation will be going out soon. The graduation will take place on June 6 at 2 pm.

7. OMPEF UPDATE

No representative present.

8. OMPS PTO UPDATE

Kolle/Bailey: At the upcoming meeting, the PTO will discuss teacher appreciation, finishing Panther Pride, and review the annual budget.

9. GVSU REPORT

Missias: There are a few more virtual board training sessions held by GVSU. School boards are encouraged to monitor current legislation. Reminder to join MAPSA's charter Mastermind Network for more legislative updates. GVSU is supporting alternative continuing education for school staff and leaders to provide more opportunities. OMPS was voted one of the most beautiful charter campuses in Michigan.

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10. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

a. Leadership Report

Bailey reported:

- Panther Pride Days: June 11 and June 12.
- Employee Agreements will be going out in the next week or so. We expect to be fully staffed.
- Testing is wrapping up this week, and we have data meetings in place with Northwest Ed so the teachers can hit the ground running in the fall.
- Teacher Appreciation Week has been a hit, thanks to the PTO.

11. BUSINESS

a. Monthly Financial Report – April

Davis: The state will have a revenue-estimating conference today, so we will have a better idea of the budgeting picture after that. The biggest question is what is going to happen with the categorical/extra funding? We are monitoring this closely. Working on finalizing the budget last year and this year.

This year's spending is on track with the budget. ELA curriculum was purchased recently, which was a big investment, funded through a grant.

Bailey gave Cori a shout-out – with the power outage, OMPS would have lost a lot of food, but she was able to save the food, utilizing coolers with the help of her family.

b. OMPS Investment Strategy Proposal

Sanders: Working with the MILAF team has been great. Proceeding with a low-risk strategy, which can always be changed in a small, incremental way, should OMPS wish to take on more risk.

MILAF will provide monthly updates. The resolution will authorize the board to take the next steps. Potential exposure for financial risk is low. The executive committee and a designee from the finance committee are authorized to establish fund monitoring and adjust the account as needed.

Proposed Action Item: Approve OMPS Investment Strategy Proposal

Motion made by Igra and supported by Johnston to approve the OMPS Investment Strategy Proposal as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee: worked on investment proposal and OMPEF lease renewal negotiation. The committee has submitted some initial thoughts to the board and OMPEF.
- b. Sanders had a call with an insurance agent and will provide some more details to the board when he gets them.
 - i. We have an opportunity to obtain a larger coverage cap for emergent events with a very small increase in price.
 - ii. Sanders: Cyber issues. We can get 10 times the coverage for a small increase each year for cyber incidents.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Joy – open enrollment for insurance has begun.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.



Board Secretary