**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS**

**Muskegon, Michigan 49442**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Orchard View High School Community Room**

**September 17, 2018**

**6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. **ROUTINE BUSINESS:**
   1. Call to Order

*Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 p.m by President, T. Joppie.*

* 1. Roll Call

*Members Present: T. Joppie, J. Hallberg, J. Taylor, L. Johnson, C. Bankhead, L. Jolman and A. Brown*

*Members Absent: None*

* 1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Consent Agenda Items
     1. Modification/Approval of Agenda
        + September 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
     2. Approval of the Minutes
        + August 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
     3. Report & Payment of Bills
* District Financials August, 2018
* Head Start Financials August, 2018

*Motion to modify/approve all September 17, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:*

*Motion: J. Hallberg Support: C. Bankhead Carried:7-0*

* 1. Cardinal Pride –

1. One good thing

* Simeon Frang shared that the district just received 150 tablets with wifi ,for students from a Sprint grant that was written with other area schools. These will be used for student home use.
* Brenda Hodge stated the new STEAM (science, technology, English, art, and mathematics) project has been a huge success. The kids love it.
* Josh Smith reported that Wood TV 8 did a story on the project based learning taking place at the middle school. He stated that 40 Sixth graders have now signed up for the welding classes which will be held at the Career Technology Center.
* Dan Bolhuis spoke of the Muskegon Area Robotics Competition which has been taking place for years and said that the President of the competition came and offered Orchard View the opportunity to host the event this year. It was quickly agreed that OV will be honored to hold the event from March 14th through March 16th at OVHS which will allow more OV students to engage in the competition.

1. Jim Nielsen recognized former board member Bruce Zitka for his extraordinary contribution to the Orchard View School District. Jim acknowledged Bruce’s involvement in the PTA/PTO groups starting back in about `1992. He is well known in the community for his video-taping at the football games, involvement with the Baseball club, serving on the Baseball club board,. Bruce played an integral part in the creation of the Sportsmanship award, providing athletes with scholarship dollars for having outstanding sportsmanship. Bruce Zitka has also served on the Citizen’s Committee to help raise funds to build the new high school. He has served as a member since the formation of the Orchard View Education Foundation and heads up the MY WAY Wrestling program which is among the largest events hosted by Orchard View Schools. Former member, Bruce Zitka thanked Mr. Nielsen for the acknowledgement of his services and stated he would like to someday organize sporting events for the autistic students who are rewarded for their sportsmanship skills and not by points scored in a game. Mr. Zitka also thanked the current Board of Education members and wished everyone luck. Mr. Zitka invited the audience to come out and observe the work that takes place at the Board Work Sessions. He also stated that he hopes all OV employees realize how important they were to him whenever he made decisions.
   1. Public Comment - Mr. James Nesbit of 2351 Windy Ridge Drive, Muskegon, MI 49442 addressed the board with stating his personal/employment background and his retirement from American Airlines. He stated he was in charge of 2,000 engineers and mechanics throughout 16 cities. Mr. Nesbit voiced his concern that the US Military is no longer turning out workers to fill these types of jobs anymore. Mr. Nesbit voiced his opinion that schools should do a better job at providing exposure and training opportunities for young people to pursue work in the aircraft mechanics field. Mr. Joppie asked Mr. Nielsen to follow up with Mr. Nesbit.
2. **PRESENTATIONS:**
   1. Back to School Video – Matt VanderVelde provided the board with a showing of the OV Back to School videos. Mr. Nielsen explained that this year’s Back to School Staff Orientation consisted of some very serious trainings and that Matt has a way of adding the excitement of a new school year back into the seriousness of the event.
   2. Jim also stated that everyone who requested an absentee ballot for the November election will be mailed a hand addressed letter from him that gives the facts regarding the Sinking fund proposal.
3. **ACTION ITEMS:**

### a. Approval of the September Personnel Change Form as presented

Motion to approve the September Personnel Change Form as presented:

Motion: J. Taylor Support: L. Jolman Carried: 7-0

1. **SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:**
2. Mr. Nielsen invited Kim Bidwell to speak regarding the audit. Kim shared that Paul Gilbert from Brickley DeLong will attend the October Regular Board meeting.
3. Jim shared information regarding the Homecoming event on October 5, 2018
4. Both elementary buildings hosted Back to School Carnivals for students and Jim was able to get out and talk to parents about the Sinking Fund.
5. Jim stated Matt will be putting community sinking fund forum information on Facebook within the next couple of days. The Sinking Fund Committee will begin to organize groups to assist in the Sinking Fund campaign.
6. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:**
   1. Thank you to fellow board member Cynthia Bankhead for stepping up to volunteer to fill the board seat on the Community Education Foundation.
   2. Tom congratulated coach Tanis and the football team for their win over Muskegon Catholic Central.
7. **BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:**
   1. None
8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: J. Hallberg Support: J. Taylor Carried: 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m. by President, T. Joppie.

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Board Secretary Date