

**Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026
7:00 pm**

1. **Roll Call**: Members Present: J. Buth, M. Michalak, S. Nelson, R. Post, G. Twietmeyer, L. VanSickle
Members Absent: A. Gillhespy

Also Present: M. Spencer, Superintendent; L. Adams, Secretary to the Board; Kara Heacox and Ava Maycroft, Student Board Representatives
2. **Communication**
 - a. **Student Board Representatives** – Senior Ava Maycroft and Junior Colton Maycroft, reported on current events at the High School.
 - b. **Special National Recognition** – The Board recognized our music staff for receiving the prestigious Best Communities for Music Education Award for 2026. This is a National recognition for Excellence in Music Education from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).
 - c. **Robotics – Ryan Schoenborn** – Ryan Schoenborn updated the Board on awards that our robotics students have received this school year and how the program is growing. He also brought robots and cars to show the Board what students have built for competitions.
 - d. **Audience Comments** – Kelly Balkema let the Board know that she is stepping down from being the CEA President. She thanked them for working with her over the past five years. Mike Michalak thanked Kelly for her dedication to the CEA and work with the Board.
 - e. **Board Communications** – Mike Michalak noted that the Board received graduation information at the Board table from Tricia McPheron.
3. **Informational and Discussion Items**
 - a. **Personnel Report** – The Personnel Report was provided showing the most recent changes in staff.
 - b. **Student Recognition** – Each month, the Board recognizes students for their significant contributions or recognitions.
4. **Consent Agenda**

MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Twietmeyer, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

 - a. **Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls** as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.
5. **Action Items**
 - a. **Resolution Regarding OAISD 2026-27 General Fund Budget** – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Buth, to adopt a resolution supporting the OAISD 2026-27 budget. While the Board supports the budget, having a projected 4.8% ending fund balance deserves close monitoring. A clear multi-year plan should be established to rebuild the fund balance.
Motion unanimously carried.
 - b. **Social Emotional Learning** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Buth, to approve the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) K-12.
Motion unanimously carried.
 - c. **Neola Policy Updates** – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Buth, to approve the Neola spring policy updates.
Motion unanimously carried.
 - d. **Transfer of Property Resolution (Grandville to Coopersville)** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by VanSickle, to authorize Matt Spencer to work with OAISD on the transfer of John Versluis' property from Grandville Public Schools to Coopersville Area Public Schools.
Motion unanimously carried.
6. **Superintendent's Report**

Matt Spencer, Brent Hadden, Tammi Jenkins, and Paul Dymowski provided an update on the district's Strategic Plan.

7. **Adjournment** – MOTION was made by Twietmeyer, supported by VanSickle, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Adams
Recording Secretary*