

**Coopersville Area Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025
7:00 pm**

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

Members Absent: None

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 Kara Heacox and Junior Ava Maycroft, reported on current events at the High School.
- b. **Special Recognition** – The Board recognized the Winter and some Spring Student Athletes for their accomplishments.
- c. **Audience Comments** – Dawn Mathews spoke to the Board regarding Pete Twork. Parents and students are anxious due to him being on leave. He was the reason they came to CAPS and they appreciate him for being such a great mentor for FFA. Kelly Balkema talked about the students being recognized tonight. She stated that this is the best part of being a teacher, seeing all the high academic achievements and sports awards of her former students.
- d. **Board Communications** – Mike Michalak reminded the Board that the Truth-in Taxation Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on June 16. Mike Michalak continues to be impressed by the Board's classroom visits and he appreciates what they are doing. Lynn VanSickle let the Board know they were recognized by MASB for achieving the Honor Board Award in 2024 (Plaque was received). He also recognized Mike Michalak for achieving the Award of Merit for Level 2 from MASB (Certificate was presented).

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

- a. **Minutes, Bills, and Payrolls** as presented.
Motion unanimously carried.

5. **Action Items**

- a. **Resolution Regarding OAISD 2025-26 General Fund Budget** – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy, to adopt a resolution supporting the OAISD 2025-26 budget.
Motion unanimously carried.
- b. **Tabled Item – HS ELA Book** – MOTION by Gillhespy, supported by Buth, to not approve the HS ELA Book, Educated by Tara Westover due to language and heavy topics.
Motion unanimously carried.
- c. **OAISD Voting Delegates & Alternate/Resolution to Cast First Ballot** – MOTION by Twietmeyer, supported by Buth, to have Lynn VanSickle serve as the voting delegate and Geoff Twietmeyer as the alternate. They selected Rick Dernberger for the first candidate, Jennifer Cymbola for the second candidate and John Siemion for the partial term.
Motion unanimously carried.
- d. **Superintendent's Contract** – MOTION by VanSickle, supported by Twietmeyer, to approve the Superintendent's three (3) year contract for 2025-2028.
Motion unanimously carried.

6. **Superintendent's Report**

Matt Spencer and Tennille Woodward presented to the Board information on reading intervention highlights, NWEA Growth, and M-STEP

7. **Adjournment** – MOTION was made by VanSickle, supported by Gillhespy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Adams
Recording Secretary*