



2024-2025 Board of Education



# Orchard Park CSD Board Meeting Report

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*Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Rogers, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Sreniawski, Mr. Provost, Mr. Comeau, Mr. Draves, Mr. Romanello and Mr. Lippett, student ex-officio*

## Welcome to the District!

- Kyle Eastman, Maintenance Mechanic, Buildings & Grounds
- Kelly Kruska, Special Education Teacher, Ellicott Elementary
- Haley Martin, Building Guard, Windom Elementary
- John O'Brien, Maintenance Mechanic, Buildings & Grounds
- Jeffrey O'Connell, Maintenance Mechanic, Buildings & Grounds
- Jennifer Valeri, Reading Specialist, High School

## Congratulations on Retirement!

- Jennifer Chavanne, Special Education Teacher, 30 years of service in the district
- Mary Hernault, Special Education Teacher, 19 years of service in the district
- Kathleen Hill, Special Education Teacher, 22 years of service in the district
- Mary Jo Kajfasz, School Counselor, 27 years of service in the district
- Sherry Schroeder, Special Education Teacher, 26 years in the district
- Mark Vanderwater, Science Teacher, 30 years of service in the district
- Adam Ziccardi, Math Teacher, 29 years of service in the district

## Announcements and Points of Pride

- Superintendent Lilleck's announcements and points of pride can be found by clicking the link [Points of Pride](#) or visiting [www.opschools.org/Page/11064](http://www.opschools.org/Page/11064).
- Mr. Lilleck's announcements included information on the use of snow days during the 2024-25 school year. The new **last day for elementary students will be June 26, 2025** and the **high school will be in full session on March 14 and April 11, 2025**.
- We encourage you to stay up to date with essential updates for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year clicking the link [State of the District](#)



## Important Dates

March 14	HS Early Dismissal Changed to Full Day
April 11	HS Early Dismissal Changed to Full Day
June 10	Last Day of High School Classes
June 11-27	HS Local and Regents Exams
June 17-24	MS Exams
June 19	No School, Juneteenth Holiday
June 26	Last Elementary Student Day





## Reports:

- **Mr. Lippitt, student ex-officio member**, reported on **STAP-Comm**. Registration is open for the Erie County Student Leadership Summit, which will be held on March 6. OPHS is holding a spring fling faculty foosball game in April. The STAP-Comm **Panera fundraiser is on Feb 28** at Panera in Orchard Park from 4-8 pm. STAP-Comm **thanked the district office for relationships with students and including students on committees**.
- **Mrs. Hornung reported on District Community Engagement and Wellness Committee Meeting**. The committee **reviewed a recent survey from the surgeon general centered around parent stressors** and how as a district, we can support parents. The committee also discussed character education transition and improvement. Mrs. Hornung also **reported on the Inclusive Learning and Student Support Committee** meeting. The committee heard a **presentation from the ENL** (Englished as a new language) **teachers** who gave a high-level **overview of the program** and all of the support in place for students in the program.

## Discussion

- Mr. Lilleck presented information on the **first draft** of the comprehensive Pre-K-12 grade program **operating budget**. The goals for the budget are to **align with DCIP** and Board goals, **support current programs** and **remain within the tax cap levy requirements**. The State's proposed budget has a current estimate for Orchard Park to receive a **2% increase in foundation aid**. The current allowable tax levy cap for Orchard Park Central School District is 6.26%. **The five-year average tax levy in our budgets (since 2020) has been 1.7 %**. The Board requested the administrative team work to **implement necessary budget adjustments to lower the tax levy** to between 4-5% and not go up to the tax cap in this budget but also expressed the importance of **maintaining student programs**. The next updated **budget presentation will be March 11, 2025**, with a goal of the Board adopting the budget on April 8.

## Action:

- **Approved all Consensus Items**
- Declared 18 athletic wrestling mats as surplus and four iPads as surplus.
- **Approved the Public School Registration Resolution for Pre-K.**
- **Accepted a donation** from the Foundation for Academic Excellence. A t-shirt launcher will be donated to the physics department to calculate velocities, angles, and distances.
- **Acceptance of a donation** from the South Davis PTO of \$1,000 to be used by the South Davis Library.
- **Approved the Phase #4 Capital Project Bid Awards** Bids for Site Work, General Construction, Roofing, Plumbing, Mechanicals, and Electric. **Total amount of bids is \$26,909,025.**
- **Nominated incumbents** Ronald Catalano, from the Westfield School District, Kathleen Chiavetta, from the Lake Shore School District, Dwight Eagan, from the Orchard Park School District, Linda Hoffman, from the Springville Griffith Institute School District and Anita Ray, from the Fredonia School District, **as candidates for the Erie 2 BOCES Board of Education.**



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