



Orchard Park CSD Board Meeting Report

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

Welcome to the District!

- Amelia Cawthorn, Speech Teacher, Windom Elementary
- Erin Gawlak, Special Education/Math Teacher, High School
- Matthew Gian, Special Education/Social Studies Teacher, High School
- Hope Kamery, Special Education/Social Studies Teacher, Middle School
- Taylor Gross, Special Education Teacher, Windom Elementary
- Michael Jenny, Mechanic, Transportation
- Anna Nicolai, Reading Specialist, High School
- Pamela Pawlowski, Assistant Principal, Middle School
- Jeffrey Pendrak, Bus Driver
- William Perry, Bus Driver
- Jennifer Quinn, Social Worker, Middle School
- Jeffrey Roberts, Bus Driver
- Emily Strong, Art Teacher, South Davis

Congratulations on Retirement!

- Dale Nason, Bus Driver, retiring after 11 years of service
- Karen Jakubowski, Bus Attendant, retiring after 38 years of service
- Gail Gardina, School Monitor, retiring after 4.75 years of service
- Lori Werner, Teacher Aide, retiring after 24.50 years of service



Before the meeting started, Mr. Scott Bean, a music teacher at OPHS, led a group of students who played music, and added some great entertainment.



Before the June 10, 2025, Board of Education meeting, the 2024-25 retirees were recognized at the annual retirement reception held at the Orchard Park Middle School.



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- Adam Brignone, Music
- Charity Burlingame, School Counselor
- Maria Coats, Special Education
- Helen Danciu, Elementary Education
- Barbara Downs, Business
- Brittany Fenimore, Elementary Education
- Christina Fettes, Special Education
- Charles Filipski, Elementary Education
- Kevin Fuller, Special Education
- Brandon Hafner, High School House Principal
- Matthew Hauser, Elementary Education

- Hannah Healy, Special Education
- Sandra Jensen, Elementary Education
- Eileen Kubiak, Elementary Education
- Hannah Lapenta, Elementary Education
- Patrick McMillan, Social Studies
- Diana Nigro, Ellicott Elementary Principal
- Julia Pitt, Elementary Education
- Lisa Schuler, Math
- Vanessa Snowden-Fargeat, English
- Marcia Tolman, Special Education
- Allison Weiler, Psychologist
- Jennifer Wright, Elementary Education
- Amy Zelasko, Elementary Education

Announcements and Points of Pride

- Mr. Lilleck thanked Luke Lippitt, Student Ex-Officio Member of the 2024-25 Board of Education for his service to the district and the Board of Education. Luke Lippitt congratulated the Board of Education for their award from the National School Board Association for Advancing Student Representation, and their commitment to student voice, inclusion, and representation.
- Mr. Lilleck reminded everyone that the last elementary student day will be a half-day on Thursday, June 26, 2025.
- Mr. Lilleck also requested a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Charles L. Stoddart, OPCS Superintendent of Schools from 1983-2004, who recently passed away. Dr. Stoddart journeyed through Orchard Park as a student, a dedicated teacher, principal of South Davis Elementary, and culminated with his distinguished service as Superintendent of Schools from 1983 to 2004.
- All Superintendent Lilleck's announcements and points of pride can be found by clicking the link [Points of Pride](#) or visiting our website www.opschools.org



Presentation: Mr. Aaron Grupka and Mr. Brandon Pafk presented their High School Data. It can be viewed by visiting the link [here](#) or on our website

Reports

Mr. Lippitt, student ex-officio board member, shared STAP-Comm highlights, including the inauguration of next year's student leaders and the ever-popular staff Cake Day. He congratulated retirees and noted his recent participation in the Erie County Association of School Boards (ECASB) new board member training, where he was honored to be the first student to emcee the ECASB Awards. He also continues his collaboration with the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) on student board member training and expressed appreciation for the board's continued support of student voice.



Reports Continued

Mrs. Sarah Hornung reported on the District Leadership meeting. During their final meeting, they held a special "five minutes of fame" where each coordinator proudly reported on the work of their department. The Professional learning committee met and discussed plans for next year and reflected on this year's professional learning opportunities.

Action

- **Approved all Consensus Items**
- **Accepted the May 20, 2025 Vote/Election Results**
- **Re-adopted the 2025-26 School Calendar** with the following changes:
 - Change September 22, 2025, half day/early dismissal day to September 18, 2025 (Bills Thursday night game against Miami). [View the calendar here.](#)
 - Change March 13, 2026, Superintendents Conference Day to March 20, 2026.
- Scheduled the Annual Board of Education Organizational Meeting for July 1 at 6:30 pm in the district office learning and conference center
- Approved the BOCES IPA's for Instructional Hardware
- Adopted Changes to Policy 1210 - Board Members: Nomination and Election
- Deleted Policy 1131 Student Ex-Officio Members (incorporated this policy into 1210)
- **First read of the required new Policy 7317: Student Use of Personal Technology.** This draft can be viewed by visiting this link: [Draft Policy](#). Families can provide feedback utilizing the form found here: [Feedback Form](#)
- Accepted a donation of a Fender Guitar from Kevin King
- Declared Library Books from the Middle School as surplus
- Awarded the athletic supplies, equipment, and reconditioning bids and awarded the district-wide print bids.



Thanks to a generous donation from the Orchard Park Foundation for Academic Excellence, our OT, PT, and Speech departments created Kindergarten toolkits for all incoming students. The kits are being distributed during screenings and in PreK classrooms to help students start strong this fall.



Seniors from the class of 2025 had the opportunity to visit their former elementary schools last week. They reconnected with old teachers, walked familiar hallways, and inspired the younger students who now look up to them. This fun and meaningful tradition is a special reminder of how far these students have come and how quickly time flies.



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