

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OTTERVILLE R-VI- BOARD ROOM
August 13, 2025
5:30 PM

MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

Ryan Keele
Sean Main

Jacob Nolting
Jessica Helmig
Eric Friedly
Ryan Coday

Dan Kruse-Superintendent
Melissa Stone-Principal
Traci Schoen-Secretary

Guest-Carlie Helmig

ABSENT:

Mark Blankenship-arrived at 5:40 pm

The Board of Education held the 2025 tax rate hearing at 5:30 pm in the Board Meeting room. President Ryan Keele called the hearing to order. The tax levy for 2025 per \$100 valuation was presented to the board:

General	\$3.9108
Capital	\$0.0000
Debt	\$03700

A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the tax levy as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Jessica Helmig to adjourn the tax hearing. Motion carried 6/0.

The Board of Education met in Regular Session following the Tax Levy Hearing on August 13, 2025 with all members present.

Guest present was Carlie Helmig.

President Ryan Keele called the meeting to order.

A thank you note was presented from Applewood Christian School.

Carlie Helmig gave a presentation to the board to allow backpacks in the classroom.

A motion by Sean Main seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the consent agenda with the addition under New Business: 5.06 online school with Stover vs Launch and 5.07 Backpack in the classroom. Motion carried 6/0.

A motion by Eric Friedly, seconded by Jacob Nolting to approve July 2025 financials. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Kruse gave the Superintendent's report, which included updates on:

1. The MSBA Board Training session will be on August 15, 2025 beginning at 2:30 pm.
2. Will have the monthly expectations at the next regular meeting.
3. Beginning October 2025 the school will be charged \$2.25/carton on USDA commodities.

Mrs. Stone gave the Principal's report, which included updates on:

1. The teachers have been in the building, their rooms are ready for the start of school and the back-to-school meetings were held.

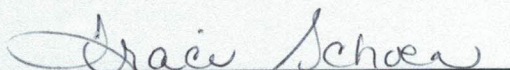
Old Business:

1. The gym has possibly 6-10 years remaining before it needs to be replaced.
2. MSBA Board Training 2:30 -4:30 pm, August 15, 2025.
3. Discussed a meet and greet for the board and teachers. Mr. Kruse will look at possible dates.
4. Will be taking bids on repairing the playground drainage issue.

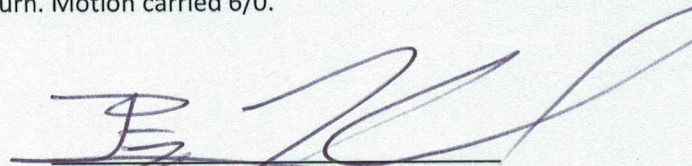
New Business:

1. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Jacob Nolting to approve the 2025-2026 meal charges. Motion carried 7/0.
2. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Ryan Coday to approve the student handbooks as presented. There will be modifications to the handbooks when information is received from MSBA and the attorneys. Motion carried 7/0.
3. A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Mark Blankenship to approve the CTC bus route with Smithton. Motion carried 7/0.
4. A motion by Mark Blankenship, seconded by Sean Main to approve the Conflict-of-Interest ordinance.
5. Bids for the installation of fencing was presented: Advanced Rail-\$5,200.00; MoOak-\$6,148.00; Terry Wittman-\$7,900.00. A motion by Sean Main, seconded by Eric Friedly to approve the bid from Advanced Rail. Motion carried 7/0.
6. Information regarding online learning was presented.
7. The issue of backpacks in the classroom was tabled to allow input from the teachers.

A motion by Jessica Helmig, seconded by Eric Friedly to adjourn. Motion carried 6/0.



Traci Schoen, Board Secretary



Ryan Keele-President