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Ottawa Area Intermediate School District
Board of Education Meeting
Careerline Tech Center (CTC)
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
4:00 p.m.

Present:	**Others Present:**
Jennifer Cymbola	Linda Brasser
Rick Dernberger	Chris Lamer
Marc Eickholt	Kyle Mayer
Randy Schipper	Michelle Ready
John Siemion	Dave Searles
	Marcie Ver Beek
	Jennifer Wolters

President Randy Schipper called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Kyle Mayer informed the board that all eleven local districts have supported the 2026-27 OAISD General Fund Operating Budget.

Chris Lamer provided an update to the board on the ongoing construction projects.

Superintendent Dr. Kyle Mayer congratulated John Siemion for his recent appointment to the MASB Board of Directors.

Superintendent Dr. Kyle Mayer shared a letter from Zeeland Public Schools thanking OAISD staff for lending support during a time of urgent need.

Superintendent Dr. Kyle Mayer informed the board that he and Randy Schipper recently met with new GRCC President Dr. Kathryn Rogalski and look forward to a strong working relationship.

A motion was made by John Siemion and seconded by Rick Dernberger to approve the agenda as proposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

President Randy Schipper asked for public comment. Cynthia Kleinhecksel spoke.

A motion was made by Rick Dernberger and seconded by Marc Eickholt to approve the consent agenda as proposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

Included in the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the April 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Out of State Travel Requests
- Quarterly Investment Report

- Monthly Financial Statements and Bills

Bill List:

General Education Fund	$	2,682,150.18
Special Education Fund	$	29,476,046.63
Enhancement Millage Fund	$	188,194.74
Vocational Education Fund	$	674,891.95
Cooperative Services Fund	$	1,162,593.65
Student Activity Fund	$	5,088.48
Capital Projects Fund	$	1,424,232.51
Bond Construction	$	730,983.89
Total	$	36,344,182.03

- Staffing Report

New Hires:

Name	**Position**	***Type***	***Building/Department***
Anna Cason	Assistant Director	New	SPS
Sophie Gannon	Customized Training Asst	Replacement	M-TEC
Patrick Lemay	Teacher Assistant/In-House	Replacement	SPS
Micah Huegel	Physical Therapist	Replacement	OAC
Stephanie Walters	Aide	Replacement	OAC
Katharine Laperriere	AAC Consultant	Replacement	OAC
Michael Verkaik	Tech Services Technician I	Replacement	Tech Services
Elijah Mack	Behavior Assistant	Replacement	OAC

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations:

Name	***Position***	***Action***	***Building/Department***
Paige Bergklint	Behavior Technician	Resignation	OAC
Destiny Ramos	Behavior Technician	Resignation	OAC
Maria Garcia	Aide	Resignation	OAC
Philip Durek	Grounds & Maintenance Lead	Resignation	Facilities Maintenance
Amy Eickelberg	Teacher Assistant	Resignation	SPS
Erica Oldewurtel	Physical Therapist	Resignation	OAC

A motion was made by Marc Eickholt and seconded by Jennifer Cymbola to approve the time and location of the OAISD Biennial Board Election, scheduled for June 10, at 4:00 p.m. at the Careerline Tech Center (CTC).
Roll Call Vote:
YES: Jennifer Cymbola, Rick Dernberger, Marc Eickholt, Randy Schipper, and John Siemion
NO: None Resolution declared adopted, 5-0

A motion was made by John Siemion and seconded by Jennifer Cymbola to approve the 2026 summer tax collection agreements as proposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

A motion was made by Jennifer Cymbola and seconded by John Siemion to approve the three Educational Fund Council grant applications, totaling an estimated $70,000, as recommended. Motion carried, 5-0.

A motion was made by Rick Dernberger and seconded by Jennifer Cymbola to approve the contract with Hollasec Information Security for Associate CISO services, not to exceed $156,115, as proposed. Motion carried, 5-0.

The board received, for informational purposes:

- MSBO Certificate/ Brown & Kesner
- Media Packet
- Line Item and Check Register

A motion was made by John Siemion and seconded by Jennifer Cymbola to move into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

Roll Call Vote:
YES: Jennifer Cymbola, Rick Dernberger, Marc Eickholt, Randy Schipper, and John Siemion
NO: None Motion carried, 5-0.

The Board of Education moved into closed session at 4:21 p.m.

The Board of Education came out of closed session at 5:03 p.m. and continued the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Rick Dernberger and seconded by Marc Eickholt to approve the Superintendent's evaluation summary with a 3.0 effective rating.

Roll Call Vote:
YES: Jennifer Cymbola, Rick Dernberger, Marc Eickholt, Randy Schipper, and John Siemion
NO: None Motion carried, 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Siemion
Secretary for the Board