



Oshki Ogimaag Community School

The mission of Oshki Ogimaag Community School is to create a learning environment of excellence based upon traditional teachings. Rooted in Anishinaabe language and culture we will prepare students through hands-on, community-based projects to be lifelong learners that reach their personal and academic potential; preserve the Anishinaabe language and culture; and contribute to the wellness of future generations.

OOCs Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

- 1.0 **Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call of Board Members, Quorum Declaration:**
 - 1.1 **Call to Order:** 4:35pm
 - 1.2 **Board Members Present:** Tesha Dickenson, Tina Gatzke, John Morrin, Patty Winchell-Dahl, Kristin Lindenmuth (joined at 6:07pm)
Board Members Absent: Agatha Armstrong (Excused), Joanne Czeswik (Excused)
Community Members Present: Pam Zahn (OOCs Business Manager), Peter James (OOCs Strategic Planning Consultant), Erin Anderson (Osprey Wilds Director of Charter School Authorizing), Anna Deschampe (joined at 5pm)
- 2.0 **Reading of the Mission Statement by:** John Morrin
- 3.0 **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** No conflicts declared.
- 4.0 **Community Comment:** Discussion of coordination between local schools when scheduling events.
- 5.0 **Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve the agenda.** Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).
- 6.0 **Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve minutes from the November 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.** Motion seconded by Ms. Dickenson. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).
- 7.0 **Discussion of Business and Finance:**
 - 7.1 **Finance Committee Recommendations:** Discussion of Board required to approve the amount of funds covered by General Fund to cover negative amount in the Food Service fund. Discussion of Impact Aid funding release after government shutdown, discussion that Business Manager Zahn would like to speak with Security State Bank regarding moving a portion of the large balance in the operating account to an interest-bearing account.
 - 7.2 **November 2025 Financial Reports:** Business Manager Zahn presented financial reports including Reconciliation Worksheet Report, Outstanding Payments, Trial Balance Summary Report, Payment Report, Receipt Listing Report, Journal Entry Listing Report, Cash Flow Projection Report, and YTD Budget to Actuals. **Mr. Morrin moved to approve November 2025 Financial Reports.** Motion

- seconded by Ms. Winchell-Dahl. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).
- 7.3 Discussion that Business Manager Zahn will have a conversation with Security State Bank regarding moving a portion of funds from the operating account to an interest-bearing account.
- 7.4 **Approval to cover net loss of \$43,301.44 Fund 02 with General Funds. Approval of FY25 Audit. Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve moving \$43,301.44 from General Fund to Fund 02.** Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).
- 7.5 **Approval of FY25 Audit.** Discussion of audit summary and net position of the school. Discussion of Business Manager Zahn summarize her annual training to note with auditors so they can acknowledge the training and it can potentially have a positive impact on preparation of financial statements findings. **Mr. Morrin moved to approve FY25 audit.** Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).
- 8.0 **Ms. Gatzke moved to move Agenda Item 12, RTC Lease Proposal to the next item for discussion.** Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).
- 12.0 **Discussion of RTC Lease Proposal.** Anna Deschampe communicated there is up to \$30,000.00 in grant funding for elementary language instruction awarded to Grand Portage that would be invoiced and reimbursed to Oshki Ogimaag for Ojibwemowin instruction. Ms. Deschampe presented a draft lease as a starting point for discussion between RTC and OOCs Board. Discussion of Lease Aid. Discussion of Discretionary Hardship. Ms. Deschampe expressed while not having the authorization to sign on the lease, that she is able to facilitate negotiations and feedback regarding the lease. Discussion of the potential of putting a lease in place and backdating to July 01, 2025 and the potentiality for applying for Lease Aid for FY26. Discussion that MDE requires a Sum Certain Lease. Discussion that the Lease conversation will be revisited at the January Board meeting.
- 8.0a **Discussion of Instructional Programming and Policy:**
- 8.1 **Discussion of Director's Report.** Discussion that Director James has been filling in for Kitchen Support. Discussion that Director James is working on the Impact Aid grant application to be completed prior to January 30. Discussion of work on the Annual Report and preparation for Annual Holiday Program. Discussion of monthly meetings with new Osprey Wilds representative. Discussion of after winter break beginning snaring unit and potential animal tracking unit.
- 8.2 **Discussion of Assistant Director's Report:** Discussion of completed evaluation for student, and student qualified for special education. Discussion that Ms. Gatzke will be off the week after winter break. Discussion of schedule adjustments to support Gen Ed students needing additional support in literacy. Discussion of training paraeducators on the Neuroscience of Brain Breaks,

Deescalation, and Trauma-Informed Care. In Literacy Lead work, discussion of completion of screenings and attendance of District Literacy Lead Cohort meetings. Discussion of restarting Reading with Elders potentially in February. Discussion of the need for more Trauma-Informed Care training and practices as well as Deescalation. Discussion of critical need for a substitute/.

8.3 Discussion of Environmental Education Report, Environmental Education Performance and Goals. Discussion of progress on EE goals and current projects. Discussion of accommodations for different needs in terms of EE goals. Discussion that students are going to Waaban almost every Friday.

9.0 Ms. Dickenson moved to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).

(Consent Agenda)

- 9.1 Conflict of Interest Policy
- 9.2 Data Subject Rights and Access Policy
- 9.3 Public Data Access Policy
- 9.4 Records and Retention and Destruction Policy
- 9.5 Language Access Plan
- 9.6 Lead Testing and Consistent Water Quality Plan
- 9.7 Library Materials Policy and Library Materials for Reconsideration Form
- 9.8 Pledge of Allegiance Policy
- 9.9 Student Journalist Policy
- 9.9a Student Survey Policy
- 9.9b Telehealth Policy
- 9.9c Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds

9.9d Ms. Gatzke moved to rescind previous Public and Private Data Policy. Ms. Winchell-Dahl seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).

10.0 Discussion of Osprey Wilds Notice of Concern. Discussion that items will be turned in by due date of December 19.

11.0 Ms. Dickenson moved to approve Annual Report. Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).

12.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morrin at 6:08pm. Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Ms. Lindemuth).



OOCS Board Secretary Signature

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Date

