



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 of Directors Meeting Minutes

73 Upper Rd, Grand Portage, MN 55605, OOCS Conference Room

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 4:30pm

1.0 Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call of Board Members, Quorum Declaration:

1.1 Call to Order: 4:36pm

1.2 Board Members Present:

John Morrin, Community Member, Treasurer

Tina Gatzke, Teacher Member, Secretary

Agatha Armstrong, Community Member

Joanne Czeswik, Community Member

Patty Winchell-Dahl, Community Member

Cherie James, ex-officio, Director

Board Members Absent:

Tesha Dickenson, Parent Member, Chairperson

Kristin Lindenmuth, Parent Member, Vice Chairperson

Community Members and Visitors Present: Peter James (OOCS Operations Manager)

2.0 Reading of the Mission Statement by: Patty Winchell-Dahl

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts declared.

4.0 Community Comment: Peter James discussed a recent OOCS professional development day where each staff member shared what part of the mission of OOCS most resonates with them.

5.0 Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

6.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes from the March 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve minutes from March 18, 2026 Board Meeting with the addition of Patty Winchell-Dahl listed as present and the correct spelling of John Morrin's name. Motion seconded by Ms. Czeswik. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

7.0 Discussion of Business and Finance: Finance Committee Recommendations: Mr. James reported on Finances in Business Manager Zahn's absence. Finances are on track. Revenue is up slightly, expenses up slightly more. A number of grants were awarded to OOCS this school year. Business Manager Zahn's recommendation is to move

Oshki Ogimaag Community School Board Meetings are open to all. Oshki Ogimaag Community School greatly values the voices and perspectives of the families and community we serve. The Board will provide up to 15 minutes at the start of each meeting for public comment. The Board Chair may reduce or extend this time period and/or establish time limits on speakers to facilitate OOCS Board business. OOCS is authorized by Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center:

<https://ospreywilds.org/charter-school-division/>

\$150,000.00 from Security State Bank savings to a high-yield CD. Discussion of fund balance requirements of charter schools. Discussion of the healthy fund balance of OOCS.

7.1 Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve the March 2026 Financial Reports.

Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

7.2 Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve budget revision.

Motion seconded by Ms. Czeswik. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

7.3 Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve transfer of funds, \$150,000.00 from Security State Bank savings to a high-yield CD.

Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

7.4 Ms. Czeswik moved to approve \$4,000.00 deductible health insurance plan as recommended, and adjust employee medical stipend to \$350 monthly.

Motion seconded by Ms. Armstrong. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

7.5 Discussion of Osprey Wilds Summary of Financial Performance for OOCS.

Discussion of financial goals of the school, enrollment projections and organizational structure of OOCS.

8.0 Discussion of Instructional Programming and Policy

8.1 Director's Report:

Discussion of food prep, connecting with Head Start and engaging in Reading Buddies with Head Start . Discussion of spring events. Discussion of Community Listening Event to take place in May. Discussion of Sugar Bush. Discussion of teaching strategies and student discipline.

8.2 Assistant Director's Report: Discussion of professional development, communication and building positive school culture as key focuses in planning for next school year. Discussion of ongoing need of support to cover staff absences and student support needs.

9.0 Discussion of Annual Survey Results:

9.1 Annual Family Satisfaction Survey: Discussion of overall highly positive feedback from families but slightly less family engagement in survey completion, 69% of families completed the survey.

9.2 Staff Satisfaction Survey: Areas of growth identified included: professional development opportunities, communication, and staff support needs.

9.3 Student Satisfaction Survey: Student responses showed significant positive increases in the following areas, when compared to last school year's survey: feeling safe at school, feeling like staff care about them, enjoying coming to school daily, feeling listened to and respected by staff, getting help when needed, 88% of the students reported feeling proud of Oshki Ogimaag up from 50% last school year, feeling that Oshki Ogimaag includes and respects all cultures and individuals, and feeling of belonging went up 25% from last year.

- 10.0 Consent Agenda: Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve consent agenda.** Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)
- Consent Agenda:
- 10.1 Language Instruction Educational Plan
 - 10.2 Gifted-Talented Policy
- 11.0 Board Training and Development**
- 11.1 Sounding Board: *Charter School Mergers, What Boards Need to Know*. The Board read and discussed about the requirements and process of charter school mergers.
 - 11.2 Looking Ahead: Annual Meeting is on May 29, Board Elections at Annual Meeting, and Board Evaluation prior to the end of the fiscal year. Discussion that all current Board members have terms that end 06/30/28. Discussion that the Board needs to recruit parent member(s). Discussion that Officer elections will take place at the July Board meeting.
- 12.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Gatzke at 6:20pm.** Motion seconded by Ms. Winchell-Dahl. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Gatzke, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl)

Tina Gatzke
OOCS Board Secretary Signature

05/19/26
Date