



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 Special Board Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, June 08, 2026, 4:30pm

A Special Board Meeting was held at the above date, time and address with one Board member attending virtually.

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

1.1 Call to Order: 4:41pm

1.2 Board Members Present:

Tesha Dickenson, Parent Member, Chairperson

Kristin Lindenmuth, Parent Member, Vice Chairperson

John Morrin, Community Member, Treasurer

Tina Gatzke, Teacher Member, Secretary

Agatha Armstrong, Community Member

Joanne Czeswik, Community Member (virtual, joined late)

Patty Winchell-Dahl, Community Member

Cherie James, ex-officio, Director

Board Members Absent: n/a

Community Members and Visitors Present: Lisa Brickner, Anna Deschampe,

Daniel Deschampe, Dean Deschampe, Janis Deschampe, Larry Deschampe,

Sarah Deschampe, Charlene James, Peter James (OOCS Operations

Manager), Jeana Isaac, Jake Paro, Lynn Sheils, Kat Sherer, Mary Sherer, Alyssa

Spry, Pam Zahn (OOCS Business Manager), Andrea Harder (EdVisions HR

Representative)

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: n/a

5.0 Ms. Armstrong moved to approve agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin.

Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Ms. Lindenmuth, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).

6.0 Review of investigation findings and consideration of recommendation from HR/Decision Maker concerning a personnel matter involving the Executive Director.

Cherie James, the subject of the matter under consideration, has submitted a written request that the meeting be open pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05

and has waived any objection to the public discussion of personnel information pertaining

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/>

to this matter. Accordingly, the Board considered this matter in open session. The Board received and discussed written copies of a summary report of investigation findings and a written recommendation from HR/Decision Maker. Board members read aloud the summary of the investigation and recommendation, as Ms. Czeswik was in attendance virtually and the confidential data could not be dispersed via email.

Board members physically present at the meeting received paper copies of the investigation summary and recommendation, copies were collected by the Board Chair at the end of the meeting and destroyed post-adjourment.

Board members questioned Andrea Harder, regarding her role as Decision Maker, OOCS's Title IX policy, specifics regarding the recommendation and if the Board could access the full investigation report.

** Ms. Czeswik joined the meeting virtually at 5:03pm.*

Director Cherie James, spoke sharing her perspective of the summary report and incidents outlined in the summary, sharing the report does not match her experience or perspective of incidents cited.

7.0 Next steps pending the outcome of the investigation: Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to have the Investigative Lawyer contacted and request a redacted version of the full investigative report. Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Ms. Lindenmuth, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).

8.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morrin at 5:22pm. Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Dickenson, Ms. Gatzke, Ms. Lindenmuth, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Winchell-Dahl).

Tina Gatzke

OOCS Board Secretary Signature

06/17/26

Date