MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ODESSA-MONTOUR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 6, 2026

Present: Jennifer Mosher, Dana Sgrecci, Robert Halpin, Will Shrout, David Stigers

Absent: Jason Dechow, Kyle VanGalder

Also Present: James Nolan, Mallory Leister, Avery Forcier-Rodabaugh

The following minutes were recorded by OMCS District Clerk/Board Secretary, Jennifer Stevenson

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President of the Board, Jennifer Mosher.

II. Roll Call Attendance: Members of the Board

Board members Jason Dechow and Kyle VanGalder were absent; all other members present.

III. Approve Amended Agenda

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

IV. Approve Minutes

A. Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting – July 9, 2026

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 4-0-1 abstention (Halpin)

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Board Comment

Ms. Mosher mentioned that Jenn Stevenson is trying something new with agendas using a shared drive. She asked all board members to check their access to the file and let her know if it is not working as there are other options available.

Mr. Halpin questioned why letter A under new business has been removed from the agenda. Mrs. Leister explained that we were notified by Schuyler County that the new system they had used this year gave us inaccurate numbers. She shared that new numbers would be given, she and Kyle Bower will recalculate, and it will be on the August 20 agenda.

VII. Superintendent Reports – James Nolan

1. District Priorities

The Board reviewed the district priorities that they had discussed at their summer Board retreat. It was mentioned that these may change after the Board sets its long-term goals, and a focus on the priorities over the actions might be worth looking at. Ms. Mosher explained the history of the development of the district priorities. Ms. Mosher stated she would like to have all board members present to have thoughts and input from all members and asked Mrs. Stevenson to add it to the upcoming workshop agenda.

2. Review of BOE Workplan

Ms. Mosher shared a draft work plan for the 2026-2027 school year. The draft listed three focus areas the board has chosen to prioritize this year; Five-Year Planning Initiative for financial, curriculum, and capital, Collective Bargaining, and Technology Policy Review. The board reviewed and discussed each of these items and set goals for the next steps.

VIII. New Business

B. Recommendation to Approve the School Improvement Plan

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

C. Recommendation to Appoint a Board of Education Member to the Odessa-Montour Representative as a Voting Delegate at the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting with a secondary Board of Education Member being appointed as an Alternate Delegate.

1. Voting Delegate

Ms. Mosher asked for a nomination for voting delegate. Mr. Halpin nominated Jason Dechow, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

2. Alternate Voting Delegate

Ms. Mosher asked for a nomination for an alternate voting delegate. Mr. Halpin nominated Kyle VanGalder, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

D. Recommendation to Re-Approve the Municipal Cooperation Agreement between Odessa-Montour Centra School District and the Greater Southern Tier Area Schools Self-Insured Worker's Compensation Plan. (Attached)

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

E. Resolution Awarding Contract for 2026 Capital Outlay Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Odessa-Montour Central School District (the "Board of Education") solicited bids from contractors in conjunction with its 2026 Capital Outlay Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, bids were received and publicly opened on July 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Project Architect, Arcadis, has reviewed the bids and bidders' qualifications for the Project, discussed the Project with the lowest responsible bidder and by letter dated July 30, 2026, recommends acceptance of the bid and award of a contract to the following lowest responsible bidder:

Contractor Name
Upstate Companies 1, LLC

WHEREAS, the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Project Architect and determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to accept the bid and award the contract in connection with the Project as set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby resolves to award the following contract for the Project:

1. Capital Outlay Project Contract: Award of a contract to the low bidder, Upstate Companies 1, LLC, in the following amount:

Base Bid	$55,000
Alternates	EC-1 Additional Light Replacement $15,000 EC-2 Additional Light Replacement $3,500
Total	**$73,500.00**

2. The Board hereby authorizes its President, the Superintendent of Schools, or their designee to execute a contract in compliance with this Resolution, the bid solicitation documents, the Project scope, and the Project timeline and take all actions necessary or convenient on behalf of the Board of Education to enter into the said contract and complete the Project.

3. Upon approval by the Board of Education, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to award the contract, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

F. Recommendation to Amend the District Calendar to move Thursday, October 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting to Monday, October 5, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

G. Recommendation to Establish Ordinary Rate for Per Diem Substitute Teachers in the Amount of $140, for O-M retired certified teachers or $19.41 per hour, $125 for certified personnel or $17.24 per hour, $120 for personnel with a Bachelor's or Master's Degree or $16.55 per hour, and $120 for personnel with a high school diploma or Associate's Degree or $16.55 per hour.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

H. Recommendation to Accept Financial Reports

1. **Treasurer's Monthly Report – June 2026**
2. **Scholarship Report**
3. **Claims Audit Report – June 2026**
4. **Revenue Status Report**
5. **Budget Status Report**

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

I. Recommendation to Approve Amended Personnel Report

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

X. Information and Reminders

Ms. Mosher referred to the information and reminders as listed.

XI. Recommendation to Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of a Particular Person or Persons

Ms. Mosher asked for a motion to enter executive session. Mr. Shrout made a motion at 6:51 to end public session and enter executive session, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 5-0 Carried

A motion was made by Mr. Halpin at 7:08 p.m. to end executive session and to resume public session, seconded by Mr. Shrout.

XII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Shrout at 7:09 p.m. to end public session and to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stigers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stevenson
District Clerk/Board Secretary