OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL
Special Board Meeting – Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Meeting held at:
Old Mission Peninsula School
2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER:

   LaFond called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

   Roll call was held.
   The following board members were present: Shaina LaFond (President), Chris Johnston, Susie Shipman, Todd Sanders, Ben Walmer and Emma Gomez. Amanda Igra was excused.

   Non-Board Members Attending:
   Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent
   Kaitlyn Bailey, OMPS Principal

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   LaFond suggested an amendment to the agenda to correct the statute referenced in business item 5.a. to read: "Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act."

   Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Shipman and supported by Johnston. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

5. BUSINESS

   a. Closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

      Motion by LaFond and supported by Walmer to enter into closed session at 4:08 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

      Roll call vote: Sanders: yes, Walmer: yes, Johnston: yes, Shipman: yes, Gomez: yes, LaFond: yes. Motion carries unanimously, 6-0.

      CLOSED SESSION

      Motion by Shipman and supported by Sanders to return to open session at 4:30 p.m.

      Roll call vote: Sanders: yes, Walmer: yes, Johnston: yes, Shipman: yes, Gomez: yes, LaFond: yes. Motion carries unanimously, 6-0.

      OPEN SESSION

      Motion by Johnston, supported by Sanders, to accept the appointment of attorney Heidi Hudson of Zausmer, P.C., as primary defense counsel for Old Mission Peninsula School in the federal employment litigation filed by Hannah O'Brien on September 1, 2026. Attorney Hudson was appointed by EMC Insurance pursuant to the school's Linebacker Policy, which carries a $1,000 deductible per loss, including defense costs.

      Roll call vote: Sanders: yes, Walmer: yes, Johnston: yes, Shipman: yes, Gomez: yes, LaFond: yes. Motion carries unanimously, 6-0

      Director Johnston departed the meeting at 4:32 p.m. due to a prior commitment and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

      Motion by Walmer and supported by Sanders to enter into closed session at 4:35 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consult with its attorney, Heidi Hudson, regarding trial or settlement

strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

Roll call vote: Sanders: yes, Walmer: yes, Shipman: yes, Gomez: yes, LaFond: yes. Motion carries unanimously, 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Gomez and supported by LaFond to return to open session at 5:24 p.m.

Roll call vote: Sanders: yes, Walmer: yes, Shipman: yes, Gomez: yes, LaFond: yes. Motion carries unanimously, 5-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment received.

LaFond noted that the recently awarded $8,000 grant to OMPS from GVSU will be added to the October 16 board meeting agenda for approval and acceptance.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Walmer and supported by Gomez. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

J Shipman

Board Secretary