TO: **ONTARIO STAFF**

FROM: **Keith Strickler**

REFERENCE: **REPORT OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 11, 2026**

Recognition for Kennedy Sapp who won 1st Place and Rychel Rehberg who won 2nd Place at the national FCCLA Leadership competition.

Approve a new community tax policy.

Approve the permanent appropriations for the 2026-2027 school year, July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Approve the Financial Forecast

Approve the 2026-2027 Spending Plan (Monthly Budget).

Approve the three year agreement with Ontario Federation of Teachers.

Approve amendment to the Superintendent contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

Approve a five (5) year contract for Keith Strickler as Superintendent, effective August 1, 2027 through July 31, 2032.

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items:

Approve the attached Preschool Compliance and Program Improvement Special Project

Approve the 2026-2027 salary notice for certificated staff personnel.

Approve the resignation of the following classified staff personnel:
Jessica Lambert, bus driver, effective 8/10/2026

Approve employment of the following classified staff personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:
Kathryn Riley, Stingel Playground Aide, Step 0, Salary - $5,629
Sarah Woodruff, Stingel Playground Aide, Step 0, Salary - $5,629

Approve the employment of the following substitute classified staff personnel for the 2026-2027 school year:
Marlene Garber- secretary

Approve the employment of the following certificated substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year pending the completion of all requirements:
Marlene Garber - High School every day substitute
Maya Reeder - Stingel every day substitute
Joshua Carpenter -High School long term substitute to cover Meghan Willeke's maternity leave at a rate of $200 per day. Upon the conclusion of the maternity leave assignment, compensation will revert to the regular substitute teacher daily rate as an everyday substitute.

Approve the employment of student teacher Jill Taylor as a middle school intervention teacher at substitute pay until she graduates and receives a teaching degree, which at that time she will be placed on a BA, Step 0.

Approve the transportation contract with Heather Ball to provide transportation for her children.

Approve employment of the following extracurricular/supplemental staff personnel for the 2025-2026 school year, pending the completion of PAP requirements:
Bruno Vargas, Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach, Salary $0
Dalton Daniel, Fall Strength Coach, Salary $2,848.50
Dalton Daniel, Winter/Spring Strength Coach, Salary $5,697
Brady Fletcher, OMS Fall Activity Coordinator, 2 sharing 1 stipend, Salary $1,147.50
Jaidyn Jordan, Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach, Salary $3,503
Mikaela Guegold, Eighth Grade Volleyball Coach, Salary $2,295
Rachel Lane, JV Volleyball Coach, Salary $3,503
Ed Cotter, OMS Football Coach, 6 sharing 4 stipends, Salary $3,224
Ryan Sowards, OMS Football Coach, 6 sharing 4 stipends, Salary $3,257
Dale Stevens, Freshman Football Coach, 3 sharing 2 stipends, Salary $3,555
Jared Hamm, OHS Volunteer Football Coach, Salary $0
Jacob Dennison, OHS Volunteer Football Coach, Salary $0
Tyler Sipes, OHS Volunteer Football Coach, Salary $0
Jaylon Scott, OHS Volunteer Football Coach, Salary $0
Mark Genders, OHS Varsity Football Assistant Coach, 2 sharing 1 stipend, Salary $2,848.50
Kevin Click, OHS Varsity Football Assistant Coach, 2 sharing 1 stipend, Salary $2,848.50
Kim Nething, OMS Cross Country Coach, 2 sharing 1 stipend, Salary $1,147.50

Approve the following Title 1 Reading Teachers at $25 hourly rate for the 2026-2027 school year:

Doreen Givens
Paulette Huber
Jennifer Jarvis
Susan Kurtzman

Approve overseeing school district concession operations during the 2026-2027 school year.

Approve the following grants from the Richland County Foundation:
Culinary Arts and History for Danielle Basham - $1,500
Chick Quest for Holly Hale - $568
Life Stories for Kellie Ritchey - $1,403

Approve Pat Duffner to act as the Superintendent's "Designee" for District transportation purposes as well as determining the location of school bus stops and relocating the bus stops during the 2026-2027 school year.

Approve a $50 stipend to the following personnel for attending the New Teacher Orientation on Thursday, August 13, 2026:
Sally Carsner, Emily Clevenger, Brittany Farley, Anthony Harkness, Jordain Jones, Emma Maguire, and Jill Taylor

Approve the following donations:
Combination Air Hockey and Ping Pong Table - Dr. Brian and Heidi Zimmerman
Gorman-Rupp Company - $350 - Ontario High School student activities

Approve the facility requests:

Ontario All Class Reunion (Edward Lee Fox) for use of high school commons for reunion.

Larry Zimmerman for use of baseball pavilion for class reunion.

OHS volleyball (Marlene Garber) for use of high school gym and commons for overnight volleyball practice and team bonding

Mrs. Hiner and Mr. Strickler gave a Legislative Liaison Report.

The Board of Education entered into an executive session to prepare for negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees compensation and other terms and conditions of employment.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on September 8, 2026.