



9958 East County Road 150 North  
Otwell, IN 47564

Governing Body: Otwell Miller Academy School Board

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00pm

Place of Meeting: Otwell Miller Academy, 9958 East County Road 150 North, Otwell, IN 47564

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the school corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time set aside for patron participation as indicated on the agenda. Patrons are to include community members, parents of students, and staff. Those individuals need to sign in prior to the meeting and include on the sign in sheet what their affiliation is and what they would like to speak to at the meeting, if applicable.

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order @6:02 pm
  - A. Roll Call/Establish a quorum
    - 1. Present: Courtney Huckelby, Danielle Houtsch, Travis Troutman, Star Riker, August Ubelhor, Amy Lee, Misti Ison
    - 2. Absent: Sherryl Osgatharp
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance Recited
  
- II. Appointment of New Board Members
  - 1. Amy Lee - Community Member DH Motion AU Second unanimously Carried
  - 2. Andrea Wiseman - Teacher Representative CH Motion DH Second unanimously Carried
  - 3. Misti Ison - Staff Representative DH Motion AU Second unanimously Carried
- III. Amendments to the agenda (August U as President) CH Motion DH Second unanimously Carried
  
- IV. Consent Agenda AU Motion CH Second unanimously Carried
  - A. Public Participation for Agenda Items Only  
None; however, Mike Houtsch and Michelle Durcholz present)
  - B. Approval of board minutes for 4/23/25
  
  - C. Resignations:  
none
  - D. New hires: Star Riker as director, effective 4/24/25
  
  - E. Mileage claims:  
none
  - F. Leave requests:  
none
  - G. Title One Programming Notes:  
none
  - H. Donations: \$100,000 from Friends of Otwell for purchase of bus/buses  
\*Dedicated Donation for purchase of new bus/buses CH Motion AU Second unanimously Carried  
Bus 13 needs disposed of-evaluate if remaining 2 are worth keeping
  
- V. Old Business
  - A. Director pay CH Motion TT Second unanimously Carried  
\$80,000 starting on 7/1/2025
  - B. Expansion plans update/paving the parking lot TABLED FOR QUOTES  
3 Quotes (\$50,000 donation)  
Josh Byrd to get a quote
  - C. Contract with Buchta Truck Center TT Motion DH Second unanimously Carried  
Motion made to not sign contract  
Derek Mehringer to come and look (mobile at \$115/hr)
  - D. Bus update TABLED until looked at



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- Professional to look at bus expectancy
  - E. Door/Camera/Fire system update DH Motion TT Second unanimously Carried  
2 quotes (card vs fob)  
Can utilize safety grant for cost of this (Ashley Kozler)
  - F. Before/after school care DH Motion TT Second unanimously Carried  
A huge need  
Numbers being looked at  
Around 20 hours per week
  - G. Field Trips AU Motion DH Second unanimously Carried  
Holiday World (PTO)
- VI. New Business
  - A. Insurance Review CH Motion AL Second unanimously Carried  
Updated, increased from Cincinnati Rate  
However improved coverage
  - B. LINQ approval DH Motion AU Second unanimously Carried
  - C. Position openings for 2025/2026 AU Motion AL Second unanimously Carried  
Aide Position (open post)
  - D. Review student handbook for 2025/2026 Tabled for review  
Table for review
  - E. Update staff handbook and contracts for 2025/2026 Tabled until June  
Tabled until June meeting
  - F. Open CH Motion AU Second unanimously Carried  
1x stipend to Star of \$14,000
  - G. Bus 13 disposal DH Motion AU Second unanimously Carried
- VII. Director Comments
  - A. Enrollment is 110  
19 5th graders leaving
  - B. Kindergarten preview day  
9-10:30
  - C. Miller Mart  
5/15/25
  - D. Holiday World Trip  
n/a-see above
  - E. Last day of school cookout  
Bounce houses/snow cones (check with Ruritan)
  - F. iRead retesting  
2nd/3rd grade
  - G. Summer school  
3rd/4th required to summer school for remediation/test prep
- VIII. Board Comments  
Mitch Whitehead had reached out about purchasing more ground-need to discuss more
- IX. Other Questions or Items for the Board from Patrons
- X. Next regular scheduled board meeting  
June 18th at 6pm, executive session prior at 5pm.
- XI. Adjournment @7:37