

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING MAY 21, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Wohlford at 7:01 p.m.

Call To Order

Members Present: Amy Crites, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez, Sarah Wohlford and Erica Wolf

Members Absent: Dean Bolton

Administrators: Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross; Assistant Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

The board recognized and expressed appreciation to the 2017-2018 Okemos High School Student Representative to the School Board.

Recognition:
Student Rep

Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross reported on the following: update and recent training regarding the buzzer and camera system and its accompanying procedures; congratulated the Archery Team members who participated in the National Tournament; OHS Greenhouse Open House on Friday, May 25th beginning at 2:50 p.m.; bond process and follow up from the April 18th Community Conversation are located on the district website under long range planning; upcoming Cultural Diversity Advisory Council event on June 4th regarding microaggressions.

Superintendent
Report

Student Representative Josh reported on the following high school activities: Prom and post prom activities; girls tennis team has qualified for the State tournament; recent AP testing; and upcoming senior project/volunteer day.

Student
Representative
Report

Michael Kielszewski addressed the board regarding the Wardcliff building.

Citizens Address
Agenda &
Non-Agenda
Items

Vice President Wohlford acknowledged correspondence from the following: Barbara Curtis and Pat Hammerschmidt regarding the Wardcliff building.

Erica Wolf reported on the parent council meeting; and upcoming Chieftain Challenge at Kinawa and Chippewa Middle Schools.

Board Reports &
Request

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board approve item 1 for immediate implementation and appropriate action:
Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2018

Consent
Agenda

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED By Erica Wolf, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites that the board extend the following administrator contracts through June 30, 2020.

Administrator
Contracts

Ira Childress, Athletic Director - Okemos High School
Steven Delp, Assistant Principal-Okemos High School
Melissa Eades, Assistant Principal-Okemos High School
Tara Fry, Principal-Cornell Elementary School
Andrea Hallead, Assistant Principal – Kinawa School
Susan Hallman, Principal-Central Montessori School
Jody Noble, Principal- Chippewa Middle School
Noelle Palasty, Principal-Bennett Woods Elementary School

Heather Pricco, Special Education Director-District
Andre Ridley, Assistant Principal – Chippewa Middle School
Christine Sermak, Principal-Okemos High School
Steve Stierley, Principal – Kinawa 5-6

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Administrator
Contracts

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	---	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Erica Wolf	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution supporting the Ingham Intermediate School District 2018-19 general fund budget as proposed.

Ingham ISD
2018-2019
Budget

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	---	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Erica Wolf	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board approve the amended 2017-2018 Budget.

2017-2018
Amended
Budget

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	---	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Erica Wolf	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Tonya Rodriguez that the board approve the employment of Marie Karnes, Special Education teacher at Kinawa School at Step 1, Division I of the teacher salary schedule, effective August 23, 2018 in accordance with sections 1230 (2) and 1230 a (2) of the Revised School Code conditioned upon receipt of acceptable criminal history checks and criminal records checks.

Employment-
Certified

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

As required by State law, the board must adopt a resolution demonstrating compliance with the requirements of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Public Act 152 by selecting an option that defines the employer and employee contributions to medical benefit plans. Current practice is an 80% district contribution and 20% employee contribution. The board will consider adopting the resolution at the June 11th board meeting.

80/20%
Healthcare Option
Resolution

The board reviewed the district's current bond and sinking fund, as well as discussed items that may be funded via a bond versus items that can be funded through the sinking fund.

Bond and Sinking
Fund Review

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz provided a brief review of the district's existing debt. Allowable uses of bond proceeds including construction of school buildings, school bus

purchases and some technology purchases was described. Unallowable uses for bond proceeds including maintenance, repairs, operating costs, textbooks and portable classrooms were also explained.

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Ms. Lentz reported on the district's existing sinking fund; future projects; and described allowable and unallowable uses of the sinking fund.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about debt repayment and its impact on taxpayers.

The board continued discussing the development of the 2018-2019 budget. Updated budget assumptions, including additional staffing and instructional materials due to increased enrollment have been provided.

2018-2019
Budget

Melanie Lynn inquired if the increased enrollment the district is currently experiencing is the same increased enrollment that was projected earlier in the year.

Information regarding possible budget priorities was provided. Reducing athletic fees, technology staffing, and student support positions were identified as priorities. Administration is proposing reducing and restructuring participation fees and hiring a PowerSchool Assistant as a district employee rather than an EduStaff employee. Administration is seeking additional time to consider the student support positions to ensure an equitable approach with other employee groups.

Members inquired about the fee waiver process and limiting barriers; as well as requested additional information that includes all participation fees, not just athletic fees.

Melanie Lynn requested the budget priorities document; and inquired about the additional potential social worker.

Erica Wolf inquired about additional priorities the board might consider.

Vincent Lyon-Callo sought clarification regarding the equitable approach the district is taking as it considers each employee group; as well as negotiations.

The board discussed a possible resolution regarding gun safety legislation and efforts to arm school personnel. The board will consider adopting the resolution at the June 11th board meeting.

Resolution:
Gun Safety

There were no comments from the public.

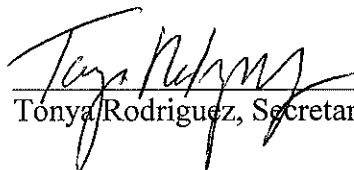
Comments From
The Public

Erica Wolf announced her intent to resign from the board effective June 11, 2018.

Other Matters

Vice President Wohlford adjourned the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Adjourn



Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary