

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

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

Call To Order

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

Members Absent: Don Romain

Administrators: Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash; Assistant Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier, Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Assistant Superintendent John Hood presented information regarding the M-Step and SAT assessments taken by students during the 2017-18 school year. He also described changes to the 2018 test when compared to previous years. Students are tested on English Language Arts, mathematics, science and social studies depending on grade level.

Presentation:
State
Assessments

Mr. Hood reviewed the results of the assessments illustrating how Okemos Public Schools compares with Ingham County and Statewide. Further, data was reviewed for subgroups which include: black or African-American, economically disadvantaged and special education. In all grades, subjects and subgroups, Okemos Public Schools out-performed the county and state test scores.

Mr. Hood also explained how the district will use this data to inform instruction, as well as develop strategies to close the achievement gap. Examples include: implementing a district-wide data system with multiple sources of assessment, align curriculum and instruction to CCSS, utilizing the equity plan, and a district-wide focus on learning for all. Professional development, data days, focusing on the whole child and including other achievement measures for students talented in fine arts, art, athletics etc. was also mentioned. Information can be found under the curriculum section of the district website, as well as the MI School Data website

Amy Crites inquired about ways to measure the effectiveness of various strategies, including perceptual data.

Vincent Lyon-Callo requested SAT demographic data and an Okemos vs. other states comparison of SAT data be reported to the board and community when results are released. He also inquired about high school testing times; comparisons to like districts nationally; what the trend data for our subgroups is – is the gap increasing or decreasing; and suggested that it was time to send out a new set of parent and student surveys to obtain perceptual data.

Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash reported on the following: turf field progress and thanked donor Mick Grewal for his generosity; Bob Schroeder from Mayberry Homes regarding an easements on the Powell Road property; bussing and transportation update including leasing one bus or possible two; Chippewa pedestrian crossing update; preliminary student enrollment including an increase of 76 students; historical enrollment data was provided to the board; subsidizing air conditioning by utilizing solar and/or wind systems to offset the energy use and cost; and student representatives to the school board update.

Superintendent
Reports/Requests

Melanie Lynn inquired about the current status of the Chippewa crosswalk.

Citizens Address
Agenda and Non
Agenda Items

Mike Kieliszewski addressed the board seeking a commitment regarding not selling district

property until facilities decisions have been made.

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Mike Kieliszewski regarding Wardcliff, air conditioning and renewable energy; David Vanderklock concerning a former student; and Lisa concerning a coach.

Dean Bolton reported on a recent Ingham School Officers Association meeting that included a legislative update.

Vincent Lyon-Callo expressed disappointment and offered an apology regarding school start times that go against research.

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board approve items 1 through 3 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 23, 2018;

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Tori Sweet, 1st & 2nd Grade Teacher at Central Montessori for the period of December 5, 2018 through February 4, 2019.

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the August financial statement and approve payment of bills for August.

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites that the board certify the following winter tax rates for collection on behalf of Okemos Public Schools from Meridian Township, Alaiedon Township, and the City of Lansing of 9 mills non-homestead, 3.5 mills debt, and .4939 sinking fund; and from Williamstown Township of 18 mills non-homestead, 7 mills debt, and .9878 sinking fund.

Certify Winter Taxes

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Amy Crites	Yes	Don Romain	---
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution authorizing the execution of the MHSAA application to form and support a cooperative ice hockey team.

Joint Hockey Team Agreement

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Vincent Lyon-Callo, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board waive the reading and approve the extension of the Okemos Public Schools 2016-2018 Strategic Plan through the 2019-2020 school year.

Strategic Plan

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites that the board employ Sara Roland as Assistant Principal at Kinawa 5-6 effective October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 at step 1 of the administrative salary schedule.

Employment – Admin

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
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Amy Crites	Yes	Don Romain	---
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

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

The board discussed the MASB Fall Conference for the purpose of determining the representatives to the delegate assembly and who will attend. It was determined that Dean Bolton and Amy Crites would serve as delegates.

MASB
Delegates

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

A reminder that superintendent application materials will be distributed on September 20th or 21st.

Other Matters

Vincent Lyon-Callo reported on Meridian Township's water testing at all school buildings. Okemos Public Schools tested well below EPA warning levels.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary