

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 6:30 p.m.

Call To Order

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

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Tonya Rodriguez that the board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of reviewing superintendent applicant materials.

Closed Session
Supt. Search

Roll Call

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

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

Vincent Lyon-Callo arrived at 6:55 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Reconvene

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Tonya Rodriguez, Don Romain and Sarah Wohlford
Members Absent: Amy Crites and Melanie Lynn
Administrators: Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash; Assistant Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier, Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Student Representative Alma reported on the following Okemos High School activities: Homecoming activities; recent football game on new turf; recent Compete For A Cause Fundraiser and Game; and upcoming Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Student Report

Director of Finance Elizabeth Lentz and Mr. Steve Piesko, CPA and principal from Maner Costerisan P.C. presented the 2017-2018 draft audit report of the district.

Presentation:
Audit Report

Mr. Piesko commended the district's financial management, as well as recognized the minimal variance of the projected 2017-2018 budget and the actual budget. Mr. Piesko pointed out several areas of note including: increasing in fund balance to eliminate the need for a state aid note; long term debt; GASB 75 and GASB 84 defining a fiduciary activity. A Federal compliance audit of the food service budget was also completed. General recommendations to strengthen athletic event internal controls were provided.

Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash reported on the following: updated timelines for a potential bond and or millage including a recommendation to address elementary capacity issues; the final facility use report and recommendations will be given at the October 15th board meeting and can currently be found on the district's website; cultural diversity advisory committee update and application process; budget priority update and timelines; presentation and/or work session regarding roles and responsibilities of counselors, psychiatrist, and social

Superintendent
Reports/Requests

workers; Michigan Model update including specific lessons on social and emotional health and safety; and an enrollment update.

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Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about student membership on the Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee.

Citizens Address
Agenda and Non
Agenda Items

No one addressed the board.

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Bob Clark, Amanda Dean, June Hicks and Lara Slee regarding the superintendent search; and Robert Rose concerning the high school aquatic facilities.

Board Reports
& Request

Dean Bolton expressed appreciation for the OHS Stadium's new turf field.

Don Romain inquired about the Lacrosse program becoming school funded.

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Don Romain that the board approve items 1 and 2 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2018;

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Kathy Harbert, Physical Education Teacher at Chippewa Middle School for the period of August 27th through November 5, 2018.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED By Vincent Lyon-Callo, SUPPORTED BY Tonya Rodriguez that the board the employment of April Boak, 3rd Grade Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 3, Division I of the teacher salary schedule, effective September 27th; and Kathryn Parker, 3rd Grade Teacher at Bennett Woods Elementary at Step 3, Division II of the teacher salary schedule, effective October 3, 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: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Ash reported that the board has received a copy of the Kingscott facility assessment report and it will be available on the web site by the end of the week.

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

The board and Consultant Narda Murphy engaged in a work session for the purpose of the superintendent search. The board discussed the following topics:

Work Session
Supt. Search

- Applicants
- Determine Candidates for 1st Round Interview
- Interview Preparation
- Development of Interview Questions

The board determined to invite applicants #617, #1003, #1487 and #1722 to interview for the position of superintendent of Okemos Public Schools. Interviews will be October 8th and 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the community is welcome.

While this portion of the meeting was not televised, it remained public per the Open Meetings Act.

There were no other matters.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary

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Other Matters

Adjourn