

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 6:00 p.m.

Call To Order

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

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites that the board adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of reviewing applicant reference feedback.

Closed Session
Supt. Search

Roll Call

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

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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

The board reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvene

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

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

Okemos Education Foundation President Ron Styka provided a report on the status and activities of the Okemos Education Foundation, including donation and grant opportunities; programs supported; and the upcoming annual banquet on November 15th.

OEF Update

Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash reported on the following: budget update and upcoming revisions at the end of November; M-Step and SAT comparison data; Redi-Ride program update; Lacrosse and adding the team as a district varsity and JV sport; upcoming work session regarding student support staff such as counselors, social workers and psychologists.

Superintendent
Reports/Requests

Student Representative Lily reported on the following Okemos High School activities: recent orchestra concert; boys' state champion tennis team; upcoming football playoff game; end of the quarter; and upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

Student Report

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address
Agenda and Non
Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Renee Maniaci and Amy Huntley regarding the superintendent search; and Jesse Green concerning the Wardcliff building.

Board Reports
& Request

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

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 15, 2018.

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

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Committee Facilitator Catherine Ash presented information from the Leadership Council regarding additional recommendations for facility upgrades in the areas of athletics, physical education, fine arts, transportation, safety, security and miscellaneous. These items were identified in the Kingscott Facility Assessment and/or the original Facility/Site Committee report.

Additional
Facility
Recommendations

Level one recommendations include upgrading the fire alarm systems; tennis court maintenance; lighting upgrades, renovation of restroom facilities; addressing parking and traffic flow; auditorium curtains and flooring; and removing underground fuel tanks. Additional considerations for fine arts and athletics were described.

Members inquired about the following: the additional fine arts room; decreasing the non-transportation area to help alleviate the traffic and parking issues; and high school pool specifications.

There were no other matters.

Other Matters

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

The board took a short recess at 8:22 p.m.

The board entered into a work session for the purpose of discussing the recommendations from the Facilities/Site Committee, Technology/Security/Transportation/Capital Outlay Committee and the Leadership Council. The board considered each recommendation and the associated costs, identifying their priorities and determining the level of funding required. The board considered various funding or bonding options and determined timelines for any ballot initiatives.

Work Session
Facility
Recommendations

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

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary