

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2018

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The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Tonya Rodriguez

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

Call To Order

Katie Cavanaugh was seated to a partial term of office beginning November 26, 2018 through December 31, 2020. President Dean Bolton administered the oath of office.

Seat New Board Member

Katie Cavanaugh was appointed parliamentarian.

Appoint Parliamentarian

Melanie Lynn was appointed temporary secretary in the absence of Secretary Tonya Rodriguez.

Appoint Temporary Secretary

Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash reported on the following: Okemos Percussion Group and recent performance in Indianapolis as part of the Percussion Arts Society International Convention; 2018-2019 student enrollment update; Labor Day waiver update; invitation to Meridian Township event; and a policy committee meeting on November 27th.

Superintendent Reports/Requests

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address Agenda and Non Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Shiloh Daum regarding student mental health resources; Dajheonna Perry regarding school board meetings; and Chippewa Middle School thanking Barbara Nilsen for the violin donation.

Board Reports & Request

Dean Bolton reported on an upcoming Ingham School Officers meeting which includes a tour of Heartwood School.

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites 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 November 12, 2018;

Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of November 12, 2018

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

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board waive the reading and enter into the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract of Employment – Superintendent, to employ Mr. John Hood as the Superintendent of Okemos Public Schools beginning January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022.

Superintendent Contract

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	---
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board adopt administration's recommendation to promote capital outlay purchases that will allow/promote flexible learning environments; to continue with district-provided personal learning devices for all K-12 students; and to engage in a systematic, comprehensive, transparent and inclusive process should enrollments continue to increase significantly over time.

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District Focus
For 2021
& Beyond

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

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn direct the administration to seek approval from the Michigan Department of Treasury for pursuing qualified bonds for a six (6) year term in the amount of \$24.9 million for purchasing technology, security, capital outlay, school busses, and air conditioning, as well as adding five (5) classrooms to Bennett Woods Elementary, and additional facility upgrades/renovations.

Facility,
Technology
Security
Transportation &
Capital Outlay
Recommendations

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	No
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	---
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 5 NAY: 1 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz presented the proposed revisions to the 2018-2019 budget for board discussion. Proposed revisions included increased IISD special education revenue; increased grant funding; and MPSERS retirement stabilization. Proposed expenditures were adjusted for staffing; insurance and benefit costs; as well as MPSERS retirement stabilization. In addition, Ms. Lentz explained the contractual trigger language and the impact to the operating surplus and general fund, as well as the fund balance. The board will consider adopting a revised budget during their December 10th meeting that reflects a \$100,000 surplus.

2018-2019
Budget
Revisions

Member Lynn inquired about the MESSA insurance rates and the process used to project them.

Public Comment

No one addressed the board.

Other Matters

The board discussed scheduling a work session regarding board member roles and responsibilities in January, utilizing a MASB facilitator.

The board scheduled a special meeting for the purpose of developing Superintendent Goals on February 5th at 6:30 p.m.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary