

**Okemos Board of Education**  
**Okemos, Michigan 48864**  
**REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 10, 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, Katie Cavanaugh, Amy Crites, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callos, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford

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

Call To Order

On behalf of the board, President Dean Bolton recognized Amy Crites for her dedication and service as a member of the Okemos Board of Education.

Recognize Board Member

District counselors, social workers and a school psychologist, along with the director of special education and principals presented information regarding their roles and responsibilities within a school setting; as well as reviewed programming and strategies. Examples of specific duties were given and included but were not limited to: Social Workers who serve as a liaison between the students and parents with external resources and mental health services; Counselors who provide social and emotional support, deliver academic assessments, and assist with college and career planning; Psychologist who conduct special education evaluations and data collection; and Behavior Specialist who support with crisis intervention and problem solving teams. Administrators also described the collaboration and communication that occurs with the service providers.

Presentation:  
Roles &  
Responsibilities  
Of Student  
Support  
Providers

Members inquired about the following: examples of restorative practices; suicide prevention training for staff, parents and students; the impact of an additional counselor at the 5-8 level; drug and alcohol abuse programming; and a philosophy of prevention and promoting wellness versus responding to crisis.

Interim Superintendent Catherine Ash reported on the following: recent Someko Choir performance; OEF newsletter; bond proposal information may be found on the district website; proposed cell tower update; possible easement request from Mayberry Homes; and an update on the projects and tasks accomplished while serving as interim superintendent.

Superintendent Reports/Requests

Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier provided an update regarding the hiring of a new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, including timelines.

Joan Wierzba addressed the board concerning possible medical marijuana dispensaries in Meridian Township.

Citizens Address Agenda and Non Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Joan Wierzba concerning medical marijuana dispensaries in Meridian Township.

Board Reports & Request

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

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 26, 2018;

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the November financial statement and approve payment of bills for November.

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Jamie Coy, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Cornell Elementary for the period of February 5th through May 3, 2019.

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution for collection of summer property tax as appropriate from Alaiedon Township, Meridian Township, and the City of Lansing and to negotiate a reasonable expense for such collection of the district's tax levy.

Certify Summer Tax

Roll Call

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

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board approve the amended 2018-2019 Budget.

2018-2019 Budget Revisions

Roll Call

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

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites that the board waive the reading and adopt first reading of board policies: 4120 Performance Based Compensation; 5141.8 Opioid Antagonist; 5144 Code of Conduct; and 6179 District Wellness.

Board Policy: First Reading

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

A reminder that the January 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting includes the semi-annual organization meeting.

Other Matters

Katie Cavanaugh will serve as Parent Council Representative for January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Member Lynn suggested reviewing the previous communication sent on behalf of the board regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and possibly reaffirming the board's position.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Adjourn

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary