

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2019

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The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood

Call To Order

No one addressed the board.

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Hannah Henry, counselor at Okemos High School for the period of April 9th through June 12, 2019.

Leave of Absence

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

MOVED By Vincent Lyon-Callo, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board endorse the OHS German student trip to Germany from June 16th through July 1, 2019 with the understanding the students will abide by all school policies and procedures while abroad.

Student Trip

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

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board approve employment of Lindsey Bluhm, Special Education Resource Teacher at Hiawatha and Cornell Elementary Schools at Step 7, Division II of the teacher salary schedule, effective February 11, 2019 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

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

The board discussed the potential School of Choice openings to be advertised (February 17) for the Pre-K through 8th grade Montessori program. The numbers being proposed will reflect available seats, while maintaining the district's ability to accommodate resident students. The number of openings are as follows: Kindergarten-3 openings; Grades 1 and 2- 0 openings; Grades 3 and 4- 1 opening; Grades 5 and 6 - 8 openings; and Grades 7 and 8 - 4 openings.

Montessori
School of Choice

The board discussed the language proposed to be placed on the May 7th election ballot setting the matters to be voted upon as follows: Shall Okemos Public Schools, Ingham County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$24,900,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of: remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and re-furnishing school buildings, including for school security improvements; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to Bennett Woods Elementary School; acquiring, installing and equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing and improving athletic facilities and sites? The board will vote on this language at its February 11th meeting.

School Election
& Matters To Be
Voted Upon

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the superintendent evaluation.

Executive Session
Supt. Evaluation

Roll Call

Dean Bolton Yes
Katie Cavanaugh Yes
Mary Gebara Yes
Melanie Lynn Yes

Vincent Lyon-Callo Yes
Tonya Rodriguez Yes
Sarah Wohlford Yes

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Exec Session
Cont.

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

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:31 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by President Bolton at 9:20 p.m.

Reconvene

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood

A closed session meeting was established for 6:15 p.m. before the February 25th board meeting for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privilege correspondence.

Other Matters

The board outlined the superintendent evaluation timeline, including an informal check-in June 3rd; mid-year evaluation August 19th; and annual evaluation November 18th.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary