

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 25, 2019

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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, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo and Sarah Wohlford

Members Absent: Tonya Rodriguez

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier; Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Call To Order

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Katie Cavanaugh that the board appoint Vincent Lyon-Callo as temporary secretary.

Temporary Secretary

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

Superintendent Hood shared an informational video that provides the community with details of the May 7th ballot proposal, as well as updates to the district web site to provide easy access to bond information and frequently asked questions.

Bond Proposal Information

In addition, an e-mail for sending bond-related questions has been established. Community members may submit questions to bond@okemosk12.net.

There was no student representative report.

Student Rep Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: recent MASB training; follow up regarding 7-12th grade athletic offerings; follow up regarding when club sports became school sports; thanked OHS teacher Lisa Crites for her service as the OEA bargaining unit president, and congratulated Elena Mapley who was recently elected as the new OEA president; and recent fine arts and athletic performances.

Superintendent Reports/Request

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz followed up regarding student participation fees, as well as athletic passes and how much, if any of the sale of passes goes to booster clubs.

The following individuals addressed the board regarding the lacrosse program: Rod Wolfe, Steve Chermak and Mackenzie Lawler.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Damia Hudson with resources regarding communication; and Chris Thomas regarding the OHS Policy Debate Team.

Board Reports & Request

Vincent Lyon-Callo requested follow up regarding the Chris Thomas correspondence.

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn 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 March 11, 2019;

Item 2: Approve the request for a Leave of Absence for Jennifer Hendrix, 3rd Grade Teacher at Bennett Woods Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year.

Item 3: Approve the renewal of a Personal Leave of Absence for Rachel Baldwin, Special Education Teacher at Kinawa; and Laura Ross, English Teacher at Okemos High School for the 2019-20 school year.

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Vincent Lyon-Callo, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board not approve the request for a renewal of a Personal Leave of Absence for Katie Atkins, Math Teacher at Okemos High School for the 2019-2020 school year.

3rd Year Leave of Absence

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

MOVED By Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board amend the contract of Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier to extend her dates of employment through June 30, 2021.

Assistant Superintendent Contract

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	---
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

The board continued their discussion regarding the development of the 2019-2020 budget. Updated preliminary budget assumptions were provided including increased savings from staff retirements; and health insurance costs. At this time, the “most likely” projections result in an approximate positive impact on the general fund of \$1,279,963.

2019-2020 Budget

Director Lentz also reviewed the impending budget discussion items, for example negotiations and the bond.

Member Cavanaugh suggested a resolution regarding supporting the governor’s proposed budget as well as a timely budgeting process.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about budget timelines.

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

MOVED By Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED BY Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Executive Session

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	---
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Adjourned to executive session at 8:14 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by President Bolton at 8:41 p.m.

Reconvene

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

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There were no other matters.

Other Matters

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary