

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 11, 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, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford

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

Call To Order

Superintendent Hood provided an update of the Strategic Plan's Operational Plan including planning timelines; reviewing critical issues; identifying 2019-2020 focus areas; and describing next steps. Critical issues include curriculum and instruction, diversity, facilities, finances, organizational capacity, social issues and technology. Administration will establish a strategic planning steering committee to validate the mission statement, revise value and belief statements, define learner outcomes, and identify critical issues and goals, in addition to operationalizing the plan.

Operational Plan Update

Members inquired about committee membership.

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: cell tower update; school safety grant application; professional development regarding equity; recent meeting with the State Librarian; follow-up regarding budget priorities; district bond publications; and upcoming legislative breakfast.

Superintendent Reports/Request

Member Rodriguez inquired about the external safety measures the grant would provide for. Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about PSAT testing; and zero hour at the high school.

Student Representative Josh reported on the following OHS activities: success of boys' basketball team; recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser; Mamma Mia rehearsals; robotics team competition; and the swim and dive State meet.

Student Rep Report

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Gloria Anderson concerning community awareness; Judy Minkin regarding school librarians; and Rod Wolfe with the Okemos Lacrosse Proposal.

Board Reports & Request

President Bolton reported on the recent Ingham School Officers Association meeting.

Consent Agenda

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board approve items 1 through 5 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2019;

Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the executive session meeting of February 25, 2019;

Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of March 4, 2019;

Item 4: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Sara Baker, Math Teacher at Chippewa Middle School for the period of May 29th through June 12, 2019; and Brianna Fankhauser, Special Education Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary for the period of May 6th through June 12, 2019.

Item 5: Acknowledge receipt of the February financial statement and approve payment of bills for February.

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Choir Student
Trip

MOVED By Kim Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the board endorse the OHS Choir student trip to Vienna, Salzburg and Prague from March 31st through April 7, 2019 with the understanding the students will abide by all school policies and procedures while abroad.

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Technology
Purchases

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board award the following technology purchases, funded from the district's Facilities/Technology/Security/Transportation and Capital Outlay Bond subject to the May 7, 2019 election results:

- Firewall, Filter, UPS, Servers and Switches – not to exceed \$599,263
- Wireless Access Points – not to exceed \$320,260.11
- Server Storage Enclosure – not to exceed \$151,681.21

Roll Call

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

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Buzzer System
Staffing Impact

Superintendent Hood, Assistant Superintendent Meier and Director Lentz provided information and the board discussed the impact of the buzzer and camera system on staffing. In response to increased demand, administration is recommending additional hours for the elementary clerks to help alleviate the buzzer burden at the beginning and end of each day. The additional cost can be absorbed into the budget. Administration will continue to monitor impact on our secondary schools' staffing.

2019-2020
Budget

The board continued their discussion regarding the development of the 2019-2020 budget. Updated preliminary budget assumptions were provided including the Governor's proposal. Updated assumptions included: increased foundation allowance; increased special education reimbursements; and the MPSERS rate increase and offset. At this time, the "most likely" projections result in an approximate positive impact on the general fund of \$1,060,963.

Director Lentz reviewed the 2018-2019 carry forward effect on the fund balance, as well as impending budget items including the bond vote, staffing needs, negotiations, booster support etc.

Superintendent Hood also forecasted a potential pay increase for substitute teachers.

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

There will be an executive session after the March 25th board meeting for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Other Matters

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Adjourn