

**Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 8, 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**

There was no student representative report.

Student Rep
Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: the retirement of Central Montessori Principal Sue Hallman; upcoming policy committee meeting and policies to be reviewed; upcoming board presentations on student devices, flexible learning environments, building start times, food service and nutrition guidelines and turf field funding, upcoming legislative breakfast and meeting with Governor Whitmer; and May 7th election including the OPS bond proposal.

Superintendent
Reports/Request

Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier reviewed the hiring process and timeline for the Okemos Public Montessori at Central Elementary principal position.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about specific Montessori administrative certifications; and the process used to increase the substitute teacher rate.

Member Lynn inquired about the recent change to the substitute teacher rate of pay.

Citizens Address
Agenda &
Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

There were no other board reports or request.

Board Reports &
Request

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

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

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

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the March financial statement and approve payment of bills for March.

Consent Agenda

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

The board discussed a resolution in support of the governor's proposed budget, as well as encouraging legislators to establish a state budget in a timely manner. Minor revisions were suggested. The board will vote on this resolution at its April 22nd meeting.

Discussion:
Resolution –
State Budget

The board continued their discussion regarding the development of the 2019-2020 budget. Several budget updates were provided including revised timelines, the impact of the bond on the budget, an 18-19 budget revision, and updated 19-20 assumptions. Multiple sources indicate that the State will not have a budget in place before June 30th when the district is required to adopt a budget. Because of this, more conservative preliminary budget assumptions were provided and included: increased childcare revenue; confirmed health insurance rates; and increased substitute teacher rates. At this time, the “most likely” projections result in an approximate positive impact on the general fund of \$281,370. Impending budget items were reviewed and included: staffing needs, negotiations, booster support etc.

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2019-2020
Budget, Bond &
18-19 Revision

The board discussed the impact of the May 7th bond election on the budget, comparing the impact if it passes with if it doesn’t pass. Areas most affected include transportation, personal learning devices and the phone system. These items would impact the 19-20 general fund budget. Other projects could be moved to the sinking fund, while others would be cancelled or scaled back if the bond does not pass. The projected impact if the bond does not pass ranges from \$569,000 to \$1,659,000.

The board also discussed a 2018-2019 budget revisions including but not limited to increased expenses in athletics and staffing, and increased special education revenue. The carry forward effect on the general fund is an approximate positive impact on the general fund of \$366,023.

Member inquired about the “unknowns” and suggested additional meetings as these items are resolved. In addition, members inquired about the process used by a department to increase their budget without coming to the board first; timelines for high school devices; selection process for devices; and transportation needs.

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

There will be an executive session meeting after the regular business of the May 13th board meeting for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Other Matters

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary