

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 6, 2019

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The special 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, Vincent Lyon-Callo and Sarah Wohlford

Members Absent: Melanie Lynn and Tonya Rodriguez

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; and Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier;

Call To Order

MOVED By Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED By Sarah Wohlford that the board appoint Vincent Lyon-Callo as temporary secretary.

Temporary Secretary

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

Sex Ed Supervisor Jill Dehlin presented the recommendations from the district's Parent Council for two appointments to the district's Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board as follows: Jessica Hamel as community member and Tami Hiser as parent representative. The application process was also reviewed.

PHASE
Board Members

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: Expressed condolences to the family of former student Tajon Gant; upcoming strategic planning process and meetings; Montessori principal hiring update; recent Stuff the Bus Campaign; policy committee meeting and upcoming policy updates; opening day activities.

Superintendent Reports/Request

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address
Agenda &
Non-Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged correspondence from the following: Dan McCole concerning Bennett Road Rezoning and Development; MDE regarding a grant fiscal review; and Ellen Awa inquiring about wearing make up to school.

Board Reports &
Request

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about school events and activities that take place before school starts and suggested that they be closer to the first day of school, as well as communication of these event; Lyon-Callo also inquired about including students in the strategic planning process.

Dean Bolton reported on the recent Coast Guard concert held at OHS.

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the board approve item 1 for immediate implementation and appropriate action:

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 18, 2019;

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the board approve the employment of Christopher Brown, 5/6 Montessori Teacher at Kinawa at Step 4, Division I; Nicolette Griesinger, 5th Grade Teacher at Kinawa at Step 2, Division I; and Jennifer Hamers, 5-8th Counselor at Kinawa and Chippewa Middle School, at Step 8, Division II of the teacher salary schedule, effective August 21, 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 –
Certified

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

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MOVED By Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the board award the following pizza contract: Little Caesar Enterprise – not to exceed \$7.00 per pizza.

Pizza Vendor

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

Melanie Lynn arrived at 7:32 p.m.

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

The board discussed its response to the community member that inquired about the board's position as it pertains to development and zoning in Meridian Township. The board determined to respond to the community member and include the Meridian Township board clarifying that building, development, zoning and the like is not within the Okemos public Schools Board of Education's scope and beyond the responsibility of the board. It will remain neutral in these matters.

Board Response

A reminder of the August 19th meeting that includes a work session on the superintendent evaluation instrument and a mid-year review of the superintendent.

Other Matters

Also a reminder of the August 26th meeting that will be televised.

President Bolton adjourned the special meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary