

**Okemos Board of Education**  
**Okemos, Michigan 48864**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY FORUM**  
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The community forum of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 7:06 p.m.

Call To Order

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn and Tonya Rodriguez

Members Absent: Vincent Lyon-Callo and Sarah Wohlford

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey

Other: Strategic Planning Committee Members; Facilitator Ms. Carmelita Murphy; Community Members

A welcome was given by President Bolton and Superintendent Hood. Introductions of facilitators and board members were made.

Welcome & Introductions

Facilitator Ms. Carmelita Murphy provided information regarding the Strategic Planning process. Community members discussed the following:

Community Forum

- What is outstanding about an OPS education?
- What must OPS address to improve/better the OPS experience?
- What two challenges must OPS address in the coming 4 years?

The information collected will be used to inform the development of the strategic plan. Next steps were also explained.

President Bolton delivered a closing statement.

Closing Statement

Participants expressed gratitude for being included in the process. No one else addressed the board.

Public Comments

President Bolton adjourned the community forum at 8:02 p.m.

Adjourn

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary