## Okemos Board of Education Okemos, Michigan 48864 REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2019

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Call To Order

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;

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; and Finance Director Elizabeth

Lentz

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: student enrollment update and projected increase of 52 students; bond update including flexible furniture; Bennett Woods expansion update, including a construction review parent meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Strategic Planning process update; website transparency; upcoming special education presentation; upcoming Straight Talk Addiction Presentation at OHS on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Report

Katie Cavanaugh inquired about the installation of 3M security film.

Mary Gebara inquired as to whether the Straight Talk presentation would be recorded and made available to the community.

Melanie Lynn inquired as to whether the Bennett Woods community meeting would be recorded and made available to the community.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about the Japanese maple tree in the bus loop at Bennett Woods.

Heather Moeser addressed the board regarding the newly created Okemos Neurodiversity Alliance.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

President Bolton acknowledged correspondence from the following: Meridian Township regarding a rezoning public hearing; Joey Latterman regarding the breaks during the school day; Courtney Caltrider with an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; Hedlun Walton regarding a Counseling Advisory Group meeting; and Anonymous concerning waste on school property.

Board Reports & Request

Katie Cavanaugh reported on school start times in California.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about start times; and building Indigenous People Day into the curriculum.

Dean Bolton reported on a recent Ingham School Officers Association meeting, which included a presentation on balanced calendars.

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara 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 September 23, 2019;

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Deborah Mitchell, Physical Ed Teacher at Okemos High School for the period of October 21st through November 11, 2019.

Consent Agenda

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the September financial statement and approve payment of bills for September.	PAGE 8722 10-14-2019
AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED	
MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the board accept the audit report of Maner & Costerisan P.C. for the 2018-2019 school year.	2018-2019 Audit Report
AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED	
MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the board waive the reading and adopt final reading of board policies 6151 School Organization; 1331 Use of Tobacco and Smoking Devices; 5131.6 Substance Abuse; 3323 Purchasing; and 5141.9 Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.	Board Policy Final Reading
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MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board waive the reading and adopt first reading of board policy: 4121 Prohibition of Referral of Assistance.	Board Policy First Reading
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The board discussed the impact of the recently adopted State Aid budget on the Okemos Public Schools. Director Lentz provided a budget update including increased pupil foundation allowance, increased special education funding and decreased funding for computer adaptive testing and dropout recovery. The projected impact to the general fund is an increase of \$204,040. Next steps were also explained and include a budget revision in November for staffing and cost association with increased enrollment.	Budget Update
No one addressed the board.	Public Comment
There were no other matters.	Other Matters
President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary