

**Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 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.

Call To Order

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 12th 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 15th 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.

Consent Agenda

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.

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Audit Report2018-2019
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Board Policy Final Reading

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Budget Update

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Public Comment

Other Matters

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary