

**Okemos Board of Education**  
**Okemos, Michigan 48864**  
**REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 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; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Call To Order

Moved by Dean Bolton, Supported by Katie Cavanaugh that Vincent Lyon-Callo serve as temporary secretary.

Temporary  
Secretary

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

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: Recent Lansing Somali Community Awards event; parent-teacher conferences; upcoming budget revisions; upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>; student representative to the school board update; Cyber Security Summit competition and Okemos' 1<sup>st</sup> place and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes; upcoming OHS Theater Production of Radium Girls; equity update and possible grant-funded audit proposal from Midwest Equity Center; Educator's Workforce Summit attended by Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier; discussions at the county level to realign spring breaks and balanced calendars; recent United in Social Progress meeting at the high school; meeting with high school counselors regarding the Prohibition of Referral of Assistance policy; upcoming presentations regarding ELL, strategic planning, literacy supports, and equity updates; superintendent evaluation; and expressed gratitude to Veterans.

Superintendent  
Report

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about the process for school closings and 2-hour delays; and what impact would balanced calendars have on individuals considering a career in education.

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address  
Agenda &  
Non-Agenda Items

Dean Bolton reported on a recent ISOA meeting including presentations on mental health initiatives in East Lansing; the MASB Annual Conference, which also emphasized social and emotional learning; OEF Banquet; and including the board meeting summary in building communications.

Board Reports &  
Request

Vincent Lyon-Callo suggested utilizing the OHS newspaper and other student news sources to market and communicate the district's activities, plans and accomplishments,

**MOVED** By Sarah Wohlford **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 October 28, 2019.

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the October financial statement and approve payment of bills for October.

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Lexie Starnes, Speech & Language Pathologist at Bennett Woods and Hiawatha Elementary Schools for the period of January 17, 2020 through January 20, 2021.

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

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MOVED By Sarah Wohlford SUPPORTED BY Mary Gebara that the bids for the Bennett Woods Elementary addition and renovation projects, not to exceed \$2,216,201 to be funded through the May, 2019 Bond, be awarded to the following companies: Woodhull Construction Co.; The Isabella Corporation; American Asphalt, Inc.; DeWitt Fence Company; L.D. Clark Company; Complete Enclosures, Inc.; Howard Structural Steel, Inc.; Tri-West Roofing & Sheet Metal, LLC; Lansing Glass Company; L.J. Trumble Builders, LLC; William C. Reichbach Co.; Niles Construction; Brigade Fire Protection; Professional Thermal Systems, Inc.; and Superior Electric of Lansing, Inc.

Bennett Woods  
Expansion &  
Renovation  
Project Bids

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	---
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

The board discussed recent request of the superintendent for follow-up suggesting a work session to develop priorities, timelines, and to create a process for addressing the various items asked of the superintendent. The work session is proposed for December 11th if the strategic planning meeting is no longer needed.

Discussion:  
Superintendent  
Topics

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

The superintendent evaluation meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
The policy committee meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Other Matters

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Adjourn

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary