

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING MAY 17, 2022

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 6:32 p.m.

Call To Order

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, and Jayme Taylor
Members Absent: Katie Cavanaugh, Vincent Lyon-Callo and Andrew Phelps
Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stephen Keskes; Principal Andrea Hallead; Assistant Principal Mark Sharp
Others: Attorney Jennifer Starlin; Student #2021-2022-01; Parents of Student #2021-2022-01; Attorney for Student #2021-2022-01

Citizens Address
Agenda & Non-
Agenda Items

No one addressed the board.

MOVED by Dean Bolton SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board approve the employment of Juan Diaz, 5th Grade Teacher at Kinawa, at Step 5, Division I; Andrew Hassell, Social Studies Teacher at OHS at Step 1, Division I; Loren Simmons, 5th Grade Teacher at Kinawa at Step 5, Division II; and Gene Swan, Social Studies Teacher at OHS at Step 5, Division III of the teacher salary schedule, effective August 18, 2022 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: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Melanie Lynn SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution permitting Okemos Public Schools to continue membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the year August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

MHSAA
Membership

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Melanie Lynn SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board award the purchase of the Audio Enhancements Optimum classroom system with Paging Zone amplification and Epic System, submitted by Trox/Tierney not to exceed \$1,300,000 to be funded by the Facilities/Technology/Security/Transportation/Capital Outlay bond.

Technology
Purchases

Roll Call Vote

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| Dean Bolton | Yes | Vincent Lyon-Callo | --- |
| Katie Cavanaugh | --- | Andrew Phelps | --- |
| Mary Gebara | Yes | Jayme Taylor | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | | |

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Melanie Lynn SUPPORTED by Dean Bolton that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of conducting a student discipline hearing.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote

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| Dean Bolton | Yes | Vincent Lyon-Callo | --- |
| Katie Cavanaugh | --- | Andrew Phelps | --- |
| Mary Gebara | Yes | Jayme Taylor | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | | |

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 **MOTION CARRIED**

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:43 p.m.

The board reconvened from executive session at 10:50 p.m.

Reconvene

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, and Jayme Taylor
 Members Absent: Katie Cavanaugh, Vincent Lyon-Callo and Andrew Phelps
 Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stephen Keskes;
 Principal Andrea Hallead; Assistant Principal Mark Sharp
 Others: Attorney Jennifer Starlin; Student #2021-2022-01; Parents of Student
 #2021-2022-01; Attorney for Student #2021-2022-01

MOVED by Melanie Lynn SUPPORTED by Dean Bolton that the board expel student #2021-2022-01 for 180 school days, with the possibility of reinstatement for 2nd semester of the 2022-2023 school year.

Student
Discipline

Roll Call Vote

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| Dean Bolton | Yes | Vincent Lyon-Callo | --- |
| Katie Cavanaugh | --- | Andrew Phelps | --- |
| Mary Gebara | Yes | Jayme Taylor | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | | |

AYE: 4 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 3 **MOTION CARRIED**

President Gebara adjourned the special meeting at 10:58 p.m.

Adjourn

Jayme Taylor, Secretary