

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING MAY 31, 2022

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Lynn at 5:02 p.m.

Call To Order

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Melanie Lynn, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

Members Absent: Mary Gebara and Vincent Lyon-Callo

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stephen Keskes; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address
Agenda & Non-
Agenda Items

Vincent Lyon-Callo arrived at approximately 5:09 p.m.

MOVED Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that board approve the employment of Jane Halrow-Reynolds, Math Teacher at Okemos High School at Step 7, Division II; John Huynk, Math Teacher at Okemos High School, at Step 1, Division I; Taylor Itsell-Olson, Special Education Teacher at Cornell and Hiawatha Elementary Schools at Step 1, Division I; and Debra Maness, Social Worker at Kinawa at Step 8, Division II 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: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz provided information regarding the development of the 2022-2023 budget including administrative budget priorities. Level one priorities were described and includes such items as student support positions currently funded via Covid grants, additional 5-8 counselor, an administrative assistant for the Media & Technology department, athletic participation fees, increased school improvement budgets, addition of LINKS and special education coaching position, increased supply budgets, additional Student Support Advisor positions. Level two items were described and include additional social workers, 5-8th registrar position, and additional special education teachers. Level three items include increased administrative assistant support for operations, an additional ELA teacher, athletic uniforms.

2022-2023
Budget Update &
Priorities

Members discussed the following: Covid-funded positions; student support advisors; increased clerical support; uniform cost; replacing the old logo on facilities; special education program model analysis; access to social workers; elementary world language; meeting short-term critical needs at Cornell; and the role of the additional special education coach.

Superintendent Hood reviewed priorities that are being discussed as part of the November 2022 bond proposal such as secure vestibules, and kitchen conversion to fresh food prep. Members were asked to complete a form ranking the priorities. Priorities will be summarized and discussed at a future meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey presented information regarding additional furniture purchases to be funded through the 2019 Technology, Security, Transportation, Capital

Flexible
Furniture
Purchases

Outlay, and Facilities bond. The proposal is for furniture replacement for the Okemos High School counseling department. Bids will be brought to the board at their next meeting.

Locker
Replacement
Project

Director of Operations Mark Fargo presented information regarding the purchase of replacement lockers for Kinawa. Bids were sought for this project to be funded through the 2019 Technology, Security, Transportation, Capital Outlay, and Facilities bond. It was noted that the lockers will be able to be moved to a new location.

Other Matters

Members discussed the following: marginalized community; gun violence and advocacy efforts; communication with the community; board agendas, time constraints and expectations.

Closed Session

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Vincent Lyon-Callo that board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andy Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	---	Jayne Taylor	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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

The board adjourn to executive session at 6:25 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Melanie Lynn, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

Members Absent: Mary Gebara

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stephen Keskes; Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Vice President Lynn adjourned the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Adjourn

Jayme Taylor, Secretary