

**Okemos Board of Education  
Okemos, Michigan 48864  
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 17, 2022**

PAGE 8958  
8-17-2022

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 6:00 p.m.

Call To Order

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo and Andrew Phelps

Members Absent: Jayme Taylor

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Technology Director Tom Isom presented information regarding the purchase of elementary student devices due to increased enrollment; to be funded through the 2019 bond. Bid information and timelines were also discussed.

Technology  
Purchases

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board waive policy 8344.1 requirements and take action to expedite the purchase of additional student devices.

Adequate  
Information To  
Proceed

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

Superintendent Hood presented information regarding expediting improvements to the turf field including updating with the Wolves logo. Bid information and timelines were also discussed. The board will take action at its next meeting.

Turf Upgrades

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address  
Agenda & Non-  
Agenda Items

There were no board reports or request.

Board Reports &  
Request

MOVED Dean Bolton SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board approve items 1 and 2 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 8, 2022;

Item 2: Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of August 8, 2022.

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

MOVED Andy Phelps SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board approve the employment of Megan Anderson, Orchestra Director at Kinawa and Chippewa Middle School at Step 2, Division I; Melinda Calley, 1st Grade Teacher at Hiawatha at Step 5, Division II; Samantha Crawford, 4th Grade Teacher at Bennett Woods Elementary at Step 1, Division I; Caitlin Ferber, English Teacher at Okemos High School at Step 3, Division I; Kate Fitton, 3rd Grade Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 4, Division II; Jennifer Gavala, Resource Teacher at Okemos High School at Step 15, Division III; Nathan Heim, ELL Teacher at Hiawatha and Chippewa Middle School at Step 9, Division II; Valerie James, Resource Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 15, Division II; Reagan Littrell, Resource Teacher at Okemos High School at Step 3, Division I; Stephanie McKay, Resource Teacher at Okemos High School at Step 12, Division II; Zac Moore, 1st Grade Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 1, Division I; and Kathryn Swords, 3rd Grade Teacher at Bennett Woods Elementary at Step 5, 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**

MOVED Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board approve the 2022-2023 elementary level, Kinawa, Chippewa Middle School, and Okemos High School Student-Parent Handbooks for distribution to students and parents.

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

MOVED Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board award the purchase of a Kubota tractor and pull-behind mower, submitted by Capital Equipment, not to exceed \$67,9000 funded through the General Fund.

Facility &  
Grounds  
Purchases

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board award the purchase of 120 Lenovo Yoga laptops, submitted by Trafera not to exceed \$130,680 to be funded by the Facilities/Technology/Security/Transportation/Capital Outlay bond.

Technology  
Purchases

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Andy Phelps that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Exec Session

Roll Call Vote

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

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

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Reconvene

The board reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo and Andrew Phelps  
Members Absent: Jayme Taylor  
Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Andy Phelps that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution to authorize establishment of certain components of the 2022-2023 school calendar.

2022-2023  
Calendar

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
-------------	-----	--------------------	-----

Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andy Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Jayne Taylor	---
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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

MOVED Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the superintendent evaluation.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	No	Vincent Lyon-Callo	No
Katie Cavanaugh	No	Andy Phelps	No
Mary Gebara	No	Jayne Taylor	---
Melanie Lynn	No		

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

The board will reschedule the superintendent evaluation check-in meeting.

President Gebara adjourned the special meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Adjourn

---

Jayne Taylor, Secretary