

**Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

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The regular 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, Mary Gebara, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

Members Absent: Katie Cavanaugh and Melanie Lynn

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; Assistant Superintendent Steve Keskes; Director Elizabeth Lentz; Director Dr. Lara Slee

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey provided an overview of the elementary report card revision process for the last year. Mrs. Bailey explained that while ELA and Math have the same key standards as before, the committee fine-tuned the delivery of the standards. In addition, behavioral updates were organized into two different sections - work habits and social emotional learning. Behavior standards are now streamlined and consistent across all grades. Specialist updates will identify and highlight the different abilities of all students. District grade level teams will meet during the December PLC to review and plan and will meet again in June after the new report cards have been used.

Elementary
Report Card
Update

Members inquired about social studies and science; parent resources for questions and how to interpret the report card.

Operations Director Mark Fargo presented information regarding the purchase and installation of a new fire safety system at Kinawa to be funded through Building and Site Sinking Funds. Due to the urgency of this purchase, the board is being asked to approve it at the same meeting it was presented.

Fire Safety
System Purchase

Members inquired about the timing of installation; and monies being well spent as Kinawa will be re-purposed.

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Andy Phelps that board waive policy 8344.1 requirements and take action on the purchase and installation of the new fire system as it is an emergency safety issue.

Adequate
Information To
Proceed

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address
Agenda & Non-
Agenda Items

High School Representatives reported on the following: orchestra and band concerts; reopening of the ALC; 174 students received quarter one awards; recent Thanksgiving break; upcoming 1st semester exams; and an eat out event at Culver's to benefit HOSA.

Student Report

Member Taylor reported on the update to the football field with new logo.

Superintendent
Report

Member Lynn arrived at 6:28 p.m.

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that board award the purchase of fifty new orchestra instruments, not to exceed \$37,320 to Marshall Music, to be funded through the Facilities/Technology/Security/Transportation and Capital Outlay Bond.

Instrument
Purchase

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that Sunday, May 21, 2023 be established as the date of the 2023 Okemos High School commencement.

Commencement
Date

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

MOVED Jayme Taylor, SUPPORTED by Andy Phelps that board award the purchase of 11 interactive monitors to Bluum of Minnesota, not to exceed \$61,143.53 to be funded by the 2019 bond.

Technology
Purchases

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that board waive the reading and adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of the first series of Okemos Public Schools 2022 Bonds, approved by the voters at the November 8, 2022 election.

Resolution:
Bond Issuance

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that board award the purchase and installation of a new fire system at Kinawa to Boynton Fire Safety Service, not to exceed \$139,000 to be funded through the Sinking Fund.

Fire Safety
System Purchase

Roll Call Vote

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

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

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

There were no other matters.

Other Matters

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that 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:
Superintendent
Eval

Roll Call Vote

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

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

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

The board reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

Reconvene

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

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood

Members requested a closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged information.

President Gebara adjourned the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Adjourn

Jayne Taylor, Secretary