

**Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 18, 2024**

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The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 7:02 p.m. Call To Order

Members Present: Tom Buffett, Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Mary Gebara, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

Members Absent: Melanie Lynn

Administrators: Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey and others presented information showcasing MTSS in action at Kinawa 5-6 and Chippewa Middle School. The team described a variety of interventions implemented including reading, math and writing labs, TASK group for executive functioning, FOCUS class for SEL skills, after school learning support and tutoring. Examples of extensions available was also given, such as honors classes. Behavioral supports were provided including team meetings, success plans, check-in and check-outs, and CRPBIS. The team discussed attendance and how the district approaches it, for example learning the why behind the absences, creating connections, and the therapy dogs. Student support teams and a MTSS handbook that is being developed were reviewed. MTSS at Kinawa & CMS

Members inquired about the following: referral process; students served; how do parents learn about support options; writing screener; what buildings and levels have implemented these supports; and evaluating initiatives.

No one addressed the board.

Citizens Address
Agenda & Non-
Agenda Items

High School Student Representatives reported on the following: recent collage concert; new pickleball club; touch of class fundraiser; Red Cross blood drive results; NHS applications and events; spaghetti dinner fundraiser results; recent parent-teacher conferences; upcoming prom; spring break; senior field trip; and a recent sustainable fashion show that included OHS students.

High School
Student
Report

President Gebara reported on the following in the superintendent's absence: spring break; bond bid package #4, recent start times meetings with various employee groups; and the upcoming MASB workshop.

Superintendent's
Report

Member Phelps reported on board operating procedures and an upcoming discussion item; while Member Buffett spoke to professional learning as board members and board priorities.

Board Reports &
Request

MOVED Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board award contracts not to exceed \$3,606,823 for the trade contractors listed below and to assign those contracts to The Christman Company pursuant to the construction manager-as-constructor project delivery method: Woodhull Construction Co. Inc, LD Clark Company, D.C. Byers Company, Casadei Steel, Inc., Midwest Wall Company, LLC, Aaron Glass Company Inc., Premier Caulking, Inc., Dobie Construction Inc., William

2022 Bond

C. Reichenbach Co., Integrity Interiors Inc., Murray Painting Co., Wolverine Fire Protection, and Summitt Contractors.

Roll Call Vote

Tom Buffett	Yes	Melanie Lynn	---
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andrew Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Jayne Taylor	Yes
Shulawn Doxie	Yes		

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

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz provided a brief update as it pertains the development of the 2024-2024 budget, including updated enrollment projections, special education categorical funding, and savings due to retirements. Impending items such as staffing, grants, and state aid were also reviewed.

2024-2025
Budget
Development

The board discussed chapters one and two of The Human Side of School Change as part of their ongoing book study.

Board Book
Study

There was no public comment.

Public Comment

There were no other matters.

Other Matters

President Gebara adjourned the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Adjourn

Andy Phelps, Secretary