Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING May 18, 2020

Call To Order

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

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford

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

Discussion Moved Forward: Student Trip

Okemos High School Band Director Mark Stice presented information regarding a band student trip to Hawaii. The trip is a cultural and performing experiences proposed for April, 2021. He also reviewed refund and insurance policies. It was emphasized that students would abide by all school rules while abroad. Considerations and options due to Covid19 were reviewed.

Continuity of Learning Plan

Superintendent Hood reported on the Governor's taskforce, school and county-wide committees and upcoming meetings regarding the re-opening of school in the fall.

Assistant Superintendent Bailey reported on the parent feedback survey distributed; an additional teacher survey regarding participation; and summer support as they pertain to the Continuity of Learning Plan.

Members inquired about continuing data collection; individual teacher check-ins; participation; compliance criteria for the fall; family resistance to returning in the fall; guidance from the State; and the possibility to count remote learning.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: scheduling and staffing throughout the district; response to Silverleaf Development; capacity; use of district attorneys to ensure compliance, interpret guidelines and laws, as well as mitigate risk.

Assistant Superintendent Bailey reported on AP testing difficulties.

Melanie Lynn inquired about communicating with elected officials and suggested a discussion item regarding legislative advocacy opportunities.

Members inquired about bond construction schedules; instructions for families picking up and returning materials.

Student Report

Student Representative Lauren reported on the following: AP exam issues; materials pick up and drop off; virtual applications for clubs and extra-curricular organizations; virtual award ceremonies; ACTION club suicide awareness activity; device return; and cap and gown distribution.

Citizen Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

No one addressed the board.

Board Reports & Request

President Bolton acknowledged correspondence from Sage Hales-Ho regarding board meetings.

President Bolton reported on the OPS visual arts project.

Consent Agenda

MOVED Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that board approve item 1 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2020;
Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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PHASE Curriculum

MOVED Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that board adopt the Personal Health and Sexuality Education video and accompanying PowerPoint lesson for use by students in 5th grade.
Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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2020-2021 IISD Budget

MOVED Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that board waive the reading and adopt the resolution supporting the Ingham Intermediate School District 2020-2021 general fund budget as proposed.
Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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Administrator Contracts

MOVED Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Tonya Rodriguez that board extend the following administrator contracts through June 30, 2022.

Julie Bellinger, Principal-Hiawatha Elementary School
Tara Fry, Principal-Cornell Elementary School
Brian Fuller, Athletic Director-Okemos High School
Andrea Hallead, Assistant Principal-Okemos High School
Shannon Nedds, Principal-OPM at Central
Jody Noble, Principal- Chippewa Middle School
Noelle Palasty, Principal-Bennett Woods Elementary School
Heather Pricco, Special Education Director-District
Sara Roland, Assistant Principal – Kinawa School
Christine Sermak, Principal-Okemos High School
Steve Stierley, Principal – Kinawa 5-6
Lamanzer Williams, Assistant Principal-Okemos High School

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Closed Session

MOVED Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing a personnel evaluation.

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

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The board adjourned to executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Reconvene

The board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford

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

Administrator Evaluation

MOVED Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that board not extend the contract of administrator Andre' Ridley which will expire on June 30, 2021.

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Amend Asst. Supt. Contract

MOVED Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Sarah Wohlford that board amend the contract of Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey to extend their dates of employment through June 30, 2023.

Roll Call Vote

Dean Bolton	Yes	Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes		

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

2020-2021 Budget Development

The board continued their discussion regarding the development of the 2020-2021 budget. Director Lentz provided a summary of school aid fund revenue; the impact on the district; and a 19-20 proration versus no proration scenario. The district is preparing for a decrease in per pupil foundation allowance of $570-$650 resulting in an approximate deficit of $5.5 million over the two years. The board discussed the need for Federal support; legislative advocacy; and communication with the community.

Public Comment

Members inquired about the current budget; current fund balance; and timelines.

No one addressed the board.

Other Matters

President Bolton reminded the community of upcoming special meetings for the purpose of developing the budget. Meetings are scheduled for June 1st, June 8th, June 15th and June 22nd.

Adjourn

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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Mary Gebara, Secretary