Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING May 11, 2020

Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 7:04 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: IISD 20-21 Budget

The board reviewed the Ingham Intermediate School District proposed 2020-2021 General Fund Budget as required by Michigan law to determine its action at the next meeting to support or not support the budget. Ingham Intermediate School District Superintendent Mr. Jason Mellema and Assistant Superintendent of Finance Helen McNamara presented the budget information.

Ms. McNamara provided a brief overview of the IISD's general fund budget, including project revenue, expenses, programs and services supported by the general fund, next steps and responsibilities. She also reported on new initiatives including early childhood support networks; increased literacy support and coaches; and mental health programs and services.

PHASE Curriculum

Sex Ed Supervisor Jill Dehlin presented information regarding proposed Personal Health and Sexuality Education curriculum including a plan for the way genders are separated for certain lessons in grades 4-6th. A video and accompanying PowerPoint HIV lesson for use by students in 5th grade was proposed. The curriculum was previewed and unanimously approved for use by the PHASE (Personal Health and Sex Education) board. A revised sexual health handbook can be found on the district's website.

PHASE Board Openings

In addition, Ms. Dehlin discussed PHASE board openings and the application process. There are four openings at this time; one member at large, two parent spots, and one healthcare professional is needed. Applications can be found on the district website and have a June 15th deadline.

Ms. Dehlin went on to describe a new Migraine At School project she has been working on and will distribute to school counseling offices, as well as an online resource.

Continuity of Learning Plan

Superintendent Hood provided clarity regarding grading, credits and credit recovery options at the high school level as it pertains to the Continuity of Learning Plan. How the district is receiving credit for the teaching and learning that is occurring now was explained. While the 75% daily attendance requirement has been waived, the 180 days of instruction requirement has not.

Assistant Superintendent Bailey reported that a parent feedback survey will be distributed at the end of the week. Also, the CLP was recently updated to include GSRP students.

Members inquired about participation; changes or increases to the time or amount of schoolwork; smaller group meetings to encourage participation; content mastery and a mechanism to assess or track; availability of social workers and counselors; summer

programs and academic support, and preparing for the fall.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: Retiree event rescheduled for 2021; additional board meetings regarding the 20-21 budget; staff appreciation; end of year activities; Senior Center reopening plans; and the upcoming board election.

President Bolton inquired about the replacement of the district's Sex Ed Supervisor.

Student Report

Student Representative Ravi reported on the following: postponement and uncertainty of end of the year and senior activities.

Citizen Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

No one addressed the board.

Board Reports & Request

President Bolton acknowledged correspondence from Juhyun regarding a student device.

Consent Agenda

MOVED Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that board approve items 1 and 2 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2020;
Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the April financial statement and approve payment of bills for April.

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**

School of Choice Openings

MOVED Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that board approve the recommended openings to be advertised through the Ingham Intermediate School District for School of Choice enrollment in the Okemos Public Schools.

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**

Textbook Recommend-ations

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey present the new textbook recommendations for 2020-2021. She explained the two-step process administration is taking: approval of the curriculum and actual funding. It is not assumed that funds will be available in the general fund to purchase textbooks. The process for developing recommendations was briefly outlined. The recommendations include: AP US History; Physical Science; Calculus; Spanish II; Spanish IV/V (approved 2018-19 school year); German I; and German IV & AP.

5^{th} & 6^{th} Gr ELA Programs

Kinawa Principal Steve Stierley presented an overview of the proposed new English Language Arts programs – My View and My Perspectives for grades 5 and 6 to be implemented with the 2020-2021 school year. The current reality of the ELA curriculum was described, as well as the review process, criteria, equity lens used; and pilot results. This new curriculum aligns with what is currently used in grades 7 and 8.

Members inquired about use in Montessori; using some of the science tools and interactive features in other subjects; and how the implementation might be impacted by the current situation.

2020-2021 Budget Developme

The board continued their discussion regarding the development of the 2020-2021 budget. Director Lentz provided a revised timeline for developing the budget. She also reviewed enrollment history, fund balance history and reviewed where the district is as of today. Additional board meetings will be scheduled for June 1st and June 15th to consider options before adopting a budget no later than June 30th. An upcoming 2019-2020 budget amendment is also scheduled.

Member Lyon-Callo inquired about employee negotiations and what is included in the current assumptions.

Public Comments

No one addressed the board.

Other Matters

There were no other matters.

Adjourn

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m.

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Mary Gebara, Secretary