Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 13, 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, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford
Members Absent: Mary Gebara
Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Temporary Secretary

Katie Cavanaugh was appointed temporary secretary.

Presentation: Continuous Learning Plan

Superintendent Hood and Assistant Superintendent Bailey provided an update as it pertains to the Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) and district functions. These updates reflect input from board discussion and include: revised daily learning time guidelines; sample daily schedules for each level; clarification regarding grading and the process of granting credit; and addresses AP, MVU, dual enrollment, credit recovery and Wilson Talent Center classes specifically.

Schedules will be communicated with families later this week. It was also noted that learning methods can be flexible as families figure out what works best for them. Surveys to measure the participation and implementation of the CLP are also planned. Okemos does not intend to wait for Ingham ISD's approval to roll the CLP out as changes can be made as needed.

Members inquired about the following: availability of MTSS at the secondary levels; staff time expectations and accessibility; overlapping of live vs static lessons; combination of methods especially at elementary level; and the availability of textbooks and materials.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: Bennett Woods expansion projects have been delayed; employee pay including EduStaff employees; work of the district continues; and recent mask donation from MSU Chinese Faculty Club.

Assistant Superintendent Meier provided and updated hiring timeline for the Director of Media and Technology position.

Student Report

Student Representative Catherine reported on the following: device and instrument pick up process; information and resources being sent to students from teachers, counselors and administrators; and SAT testing prep.

Board Reports & Request

President Bolton acknowledged correspondence from the following: Xuefei Huang regarding a donation of masks; Paul Demshur concerning online schooling; Jan Liu concerning student health; and Keegan O'Neil regarding minutes from 2010-2011.

President Bolton thanked faculty and staff; expressed appreciation for the delayed retirements; and recognized the Frank Walsh Family for paying the lunch debt for both the Okemos and Haslett School Districts.

Consent Agenda

MOVED Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Sarah Wohlford that board approve items 1 through 4 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2020;
Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the March financial statement and approve payment of bills for March.
Item 3: Approve the request for a Leave of Absence for Laura Sauer, English Teacher at Okemos High School for the 2020-2021 school year.
Item 4: Approve the request for a Leave of Absence for Wanda Derochowski, Special Education Teacher at Chippewa Middle School for the period of March 10th through June 10, 2020.

Roll Call Vote

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

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**
Trustee Lynn was unable to cast a vote due to losing her electronic virtual connection to the meeting during the roll call vote.

Technology Purchases

MOVED Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Tonya Rodriguez that board award the following technology purchases, funded from the district's Facilities/Technology/Security/Transportation and Capital Outlay Bond: 350 Lenovo X1 Devices, Dell D6000 Docking Stations, and Dell Monitors submitted by Trinity3 Technology through the Technology Solutions Products and Services Bid Contract Website not to exceed $673,750.

Roll Call Vote

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

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

Student Trips

The board determined that it will delay the approval of the French trip since it is being rescheduled for summer, 20201. In addition, while the board does not need to re-approve trips previously approved and then delayed due to Covid19, it would like to receive updated information regarding the trip once rescheduled.

2020-2021 Budget

Due to the significant impact of Covid19 on the State budget, Administration is temporarily delaying development of the district's 2020-2021 budget until additional information and guidance from the State is provided.

Board Meetings

The board will continue with its regular meeting schedule for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Other Matters

There were no other matters.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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Mary Gebara, Secretary