Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Bolton at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Melanie Lynn

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

Easement Request

The Ingham County Road Commission is requesting that the district allow use of a small parcel of land for a pathway on the district's Hiawatha Elementary property for the purpose of a CATA bus stop. Attorney Gordon Van Wieren of Thrun Law provided information regarding the request and was available to answer questions from the board. Director Lathrop and Dan Troia of Ingham County Road Commission provided information about the location of the parcel on our property and answered board questions.

5th Grade Band

Kinawa Principal Steve Stierley and Assistant Principal Sara Roland presented information regarding music options for 5th graders at Kinawa 5-6 School. Administration is proposing a new band option for 5th graders. Mr. Stierley provided an overview of the schedule review process and identified goals for the music program. Survey results and other considerations were described, including support from the music department; impact on all music programs; financial impact; and educational equity.

Members inquired about scheduling logistics; if students who didn't take 5th band would be prohibited from 6th grade band; and a possible world language option in the elective wheel.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: strategic plan is available on the website; Assistant Superintendent to Human Resources hiring process and timeline; bond projects update and scope of work available on the web site; flexible furniture update and timelines; and upcoming headlee restoration election on March 10th.

High School Representative Report

There was no student report.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

No one addressed the board.

Board Reports & Requests

There were no board reports or requests.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board approve items 1 and 2 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2020; and

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Erika Parsons, 4th Grade Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary School for the period of April 20th through June 10, 2020.

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

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that the bids for the LED Lighting, electrical, air conditioning and bathroom renovation projects, not to exceed $2,559,915 to be funded through the May, 2019 Bond and Building and Site Sinking Fund, be awarded to the following companies: Moore Trosper, Integrity Interiors Lansing Tile & Mosaic, Niles Construction, Pleune Service Co. and Summit Contractors. Bond Projects & Purchases

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED by Vincent Lyon-Callo, SUPPORTED by Tonya Rodriguez that the board award the following facility maintenance projects for completion during summer 2020, funded from the district's Building and Site Sinking Fund Building & Site Sinking Fund Projects

- Chippewa Middle School Roofing: Awarded to Single Ply Solutions, not to exceed $119,700.

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Sarah Wohlford that the board award the bid to Communication Services for the purchase and installation of a Radio Communication System, not to exceed $61,658. Radio System

Roll Call Vote

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

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

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that the board approve employment of Katie Ahearn, 80% Exploratory Teacher at Kinawa 5-6 and Cornell Elementary at Step 1, Division I of the teacher salary schedule, effective February 24, 2020 in accordance with sections 1230 (2) and 1230 a (2) of the Revised School Code conditioned upon receipt of acceptable criminal history checks and criminal records checks. Employment – Certified

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

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that the board waive the reading and adopt final reading of board policies: 3220 Post-Issuance Disclosure Compliance; 3330 Travel Payment and Reimbursement; 4119 Prohibition of Referral or Assistance; Board Policy – Final Reading

and 5147 Emergency Operations Plans.

AYE: 5 NAY: 1 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

2020-2021 Budget Development

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz provided information regarding the development of the 2020-2021 budget including preliminary assumptions. Director Lentz reviewed the Governor's current budget proposal. Preliminary budget assumptions were provided and included increased revenue due to pupil foundation allowance; enrollment projections; an increase in Special Education revenue and an offset from the Ingham ISD headlee restoration. Increased expenditures include health insurance premiums, MPSERS (retirement) rate increases, contract negotiations and roll up cost. At this time the "most likely" projections result in an approximate negative impact on the general fund of $112,963.

Public Comments

No one addressed the board.

Other Matters

Dean Bolton and Sarah Wohlford will serve as the board's representatives to the negotiations team.

Adjourn

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Mary Gebara, Secretary