Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 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, Melanie Lynn, and Vincent Lyon-Callo
Members Absent: Tonya Rodriguez and Sarah Wohlford
Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: provided additional information regarding the new marketing and social media course at the High School; recent meeting to develop superintendent goals for the year; Jolly Road diet project and collaboration with the road commission; recent conversations regarding recess and an update to the board policy regulations; registration and trademark of the OPS logo and upcoming policy regarding its use; and celebrating Black History Month.

Katie Cavanaugh inquired about the impact of the Jolly Road diet.

Members commented on the revised recess language and suggested a presentation regarding recess throughout the district.

High School Representative Report

Student Representative Catherine reported on the following OHS activities: activities to celebrate Black History month; upcoming Touch of Class fundraiser to benefit Okemos Cares; recent Okemos' Got Talent show; presentation regarding surviving your tweens and teens at CMS on February 13th; United in Social Progress Ribbons for mental health awareness; bathroom decorating themes; recent banner and artwork produced by OHS students to show support to Haslett High School.

Katie Cavanaugh inquired as to whether the presentation on Thursday would be recorded and made available to families.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

No one addressed the board.

Board Reports & Requests

President Bolton acknowledged correspondence from the following: Kayla Meadmore concerning a hockey game.

Dean Bolton reported on recent Parent Council and Ingham School Officer Association meetings; as well as a workshop on board legislative advocacy. He also informed the community of the board's priority regarding World Languages.

Member Lyon-Callo inquired about follow up with the individual who contacted the board regarding the hockey game.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board approve items 1 through 6 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2020;
Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of February 3, 2020;
Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the executive session meeting of February 3, 2020;

Item 4: Acknowledge receipt of the January financial statement and approve payment of bills for January;
Item 5: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Caity Biermann, Music Teacher at Okemos Public Montessori at Central for the period of March 17th through June 12, 2020; and
Item 6: Approve the request for a Personal Leave of Absence for the 2020-2021 school year for Meredith Roe, Speech & Language Pathologist at Central Montessori and Cornell Elementary Schools.

Consent Agenda Cont.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Mary Gebara that the board approve the following recommended number of PPK-8 Public Montessori school-of-choice openings for potential enrollment: Kindergarten-3 openings; Grades 1 and 2– 0 openings; Grades 3 and 4– 0 openings; Grades 5 and 6 – 7 openings; and Grades 7 and 8 - 9 openings.

Montessori School of Choice

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board award the 3M Window Film and installation project, funded from the district's Facilities/Technology/Security/Transportation and Capital Outlay Bond to Busters Blinds, for the amount not to exceed $464,899.

3M Window Film

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Mary Gebara, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn waive the reading and approve the Okemos Public Schools 2020-2024 strategic plan.

2020-2024 Strategic Plan

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz provided information regarding the development of the 2020-2021 budget including timelines. She also reviewed next steps as they pertain to the remaining 2019-2020 budget. Preliminary assumptions will initiate the budget process beginning February 24th.

2020-2021 Budget Development

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

Superintendent Hood reported on a letter that school districts will be sharing with families from the Ingham County Prosecutor's office regarding school threats and school violence and the accompanying consequences.

Members suggested providing families with specific examples and verbiage they can use; possible trainings for parents and teachers; and a presentation or assembly from law enforcement regarding consequences.

Other Matters

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:02 .m.

Adjourn

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Mary Gebara, Secretary