

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 2019

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

Call To Order

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

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood, Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier, Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Dean Bolton appointed Superintendent John Hood as temporary chair.

Select Temporary Chair

Dean Bolton, Mary Gebara and Vincent Lyon-Callo were seated to a four-year term of office January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022. Superintendent Hood administered the Oath of Office.

Seat New Board Members

Superintendent Hood appointed Rhianna Walworth as temporary secretary.

Temporary Secretary

The board determined to utilize Robert's Rules of Order for conducting the organizational meeting.

Organizational Meeting

Sarah Wohlford nominated Dean Bolton as President. No other nominations were made; nominations were closed. The board voted for Dean Bolton as President. Mr. Bolton assumed the chair.

Election of President

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Tonya Rodriguez nominated Sarah Wohlford as Vice President. No other nominations were made; nominations were closed. The board voted for Sarah Wohlford as Vice President.

Election of Vice President

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Dean Bolton nominated Tonya Rodriguez as Secretary. No other nominations were made; nominations were closed. The board voted for Tonya Rodriguez as Secretary.

Election of Secretary

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Dean Bolton nominated Melanie Lynn as Treasurer. No other nominations were made; nominations were closed. The board voted for Melanie Lynn as Treasurer.

Election of Treasurer

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

President Bolton appointed Mary Gebara as Parliamentarian.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

MOVED by Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED by Tonya Rodriguez that the board confirm the dates for regular meetings of the board of education for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year to generally be the second and fourth Monday of each month, adjusted for Mondays with no school; the time of each meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m., with no new discussion after 10:00 p.m.; and the place of meetings to be the Community Conference Room at Central School.

Confirmation of Date, Time & Place For Regular Meetings

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

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Rules for
Conducting
Meetings

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Sarah Wohlford that the board continue to manage board meetings according to its established policies, which are informed by Robert's Rules of Order.

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

President Bolton appointed Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara and Sarah Wohlford as the January-December 2019 Board Policy Committee.

Policy Committee

Dean Bolton will remain the representative to the Ingham County School Officers Association.

ISOA
Representative

Mary Gebara will become the representative to the Okemos Education Foundation.

OEF
Representative

The board completed the organizational meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Okemos High School German Teacher Andrew Floyd presented information for board discussion regarding the 2019 German Exchange trip. The trip is proposed for June 16th through July 1, 2019 and is part of a cultural and language exchange experience. It was emphasized that all school rules and policies will be applied at all times while abroad.

Student
Germany
Trip

Superintendent Hood reported on the following: Expressed condolences to the Huser-Gondro family; anonymous donation to the swimming and diving program; district committee activities regarding capital outlay and technology; as well as a flexible learning environment committee facilitated by Patricia Trelstad; Asja Wilcox is serving as the director of curriculum in the interim until an assistant superintendent can be hired in the spring; impact of the federal government shut down; school board appreciation month; recent #2 in the state of Michigan ranking by Niche; and upcoming board work sessions on January 15th and February 5th.

Superintendent
Reports/Requests

Student Representative Alma reported on the following OHS activities: end of semester activities and exams; and winter athletics including the success of the boys' basketball team.

Student Rep
Report

No one addressed the board.

President Bolton acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the following: Meridian Township regarding a rezoning public hearing; and Chippewa Middle School thanking Chandra Vuyyuru for the donation.

Citizens Address
Agenda &
Non-Agenda Items

Member Rodriguez requested a discussion item regarding food service nutrition requirements and standards.

Board Reports &
Request

Member Cavanaugh inquired about AED's at each building and a possible grant to supply them to each athletic team.

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Tonya Rodriguez that the board approve items 1 through 3 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Consent Agenda

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2018;
Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the December financial statement and approve payment of bills for December.

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Amanda Dean, Physical Education Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary for the period of March 9th through June 12, 2019; Jennifer Keith, Reading Specialist at Bennett Woods Elementary for the period of January 16th through March 13, 2019; and Meredith Roe, Speech and Language Pathologist at Cornell Elementary for the period of March 1st through June 12, 2019.

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Consent Agenda
Cont.

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

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board approve employment of Kari Karkkainen, Physical Education Teacher at Chippewa Middle School at Step 1, Division I of the teacher salary schedule, effective January 22, 2019 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

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

MOVED By Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED BY Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board waive the reading and adopt final reading of board policies: 4120 Performance Based Compensation; 5141.8 Opioid Antagonist; and 6179 District Wellness.

Board Policy
Final Reading

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

MOVED By Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board waive the reading and adopt final reading of board policy 5144 Code of Conduct to be effective July 1, 2019.

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

MOVED By Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED BY Melanie Lynn that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution to approve the application of preliminary qualification of bonds for filing with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Preliminary
Qualification of
Bonds Application

Roll Call

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**

Director of Operations Steve Lathrop presented information regarding proposed building and site sinking fund projects for the 2019-2020 school year. Projects include: Chippewa Phase 4 renovations which will be to convert the existing pool area into a multi-purpose room, locker rooms and storage area; as well as potential asphalt resurfacing to the transportation entry drive and south lot, OHS staff parking lot and northwest drive around the building, and Cornell to reconfigure traffic flow if possible.

2019-2020
Building & Site
Sinking Fund
Proposed Projects

Members inquired about additional uses for the multi-purpose room; and the location of the new transportation drive.

No one addressed the board.

Public Comment

President Bolton reminded members of the January 15th board work session with MASB.

Other Matters

Mary Gebara will attend the March Parent Council Meeting.

Katie Cavanaugh will serve as a representative to the Citizens Bond Committee.

President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Other Matters
Cont.

Adjourn

Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary