Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2018

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, Amy Crites, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez, Sarah Wohlford and Erica Wolf
Administrators: Assistant Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

PHASE Curriculum

Assistant Superintendent John Hood presented information regarding proposed Personal Health and Sexuality Education curriculum for use by students in 7th grade, as well as videos for use by 9th grade students. The proposed curriculum has already been previewed and unanimously approved for use by the PHASE (Personal Health and Sex Education) board. Materials are available on the District's web site, as well as at the Assistant Superintendent's office for preview by the community.

Mr. Hood also mentioned work being done to address personal safety instruction at the K-4 level.

Discussion Moved Forward: MASB Election

Board members received information on candidates seeking election to the board of directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). The election ballot must be completed and returned by March 7, 2018. Okemos may vote on candidates from Region 7, which this year is for one three-year term. Members discussed their selection.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Assistant Superintendent John Hood reported on the following: Superintendent Zachery-Ross is currently in Nashville, TN as she earns the AASA Certification; thanked the building and grounds crew for their work during the recent inclement weather; provided a snow day update; provided a reminder regarding Mandated Reporters – who they are and what the requirements are; recent budget proposal from the Governor and the formula used to determine student foundation allowance; the upcoming Fine Arts Festival and spaghetti dinner fundraiser; upcoming diversity assembly as Okemos High School; Okemos Public Schools was announced as an Academic State Champion by Bridge Magazine; expressed condolences for the death of former OPS teacher and coach John Quiring.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about a process available for snow day forgiveness should the district go over the 6 days; as well as what conversations or training the district is implementing as it relates to trainer, coach and student athlete safety.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda Items

David Vanderklok addressed the board concerning a specific staff member and a formal complaint process.

Board Reports & Request

Dean Bolton reported on a recent Ingham School Officers Association meeting. The March 7th meeting will be held at the Wilson Talent Center and other members are

invited to attend.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about a board discussion or MASB guided training to reflect on recent events and review policies and procedures to ensure the protection of students and prevent similar situations like those faced by the MSU board. Board Reports & Request

Amy Crites reported on the recent high school performance of Our Town.

MOVED By Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED BY Amy Crites 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 January 22, 2018;
Item 2: Acknowledged receipt of the January financial statement and approve payment of bills for January;
Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Brian Harrod, Computer Science Teacher at Okemos High School, for the period of April 9th through May 21, 2018.

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

The student trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands has been cancelled due to a lack of participation by other participating districts. Other options are being considered. Student Trip

MOVED By Amy Crites, SUPPORTED BY Sarah Wohlford that the board approve the following recommended number of PPK-8 Public Montessori school-of-choice openings for potential enrollment: Kindergarten-2 openings; Grades 1 and 2– 0 openings; Grades 3 and 4– 2 openings; Grades 5 and 6 – 1 opening; and Grades 7 and 8 - 2 openings. Montessori School of Choice Openings

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

MOVED By Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED BY Erica Wolf that the board select Jack Temsey as the Region 7 candidate of its choice to complete the election ballot for members of the 2018 board of directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards. MASB Election

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Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz provided information regarding the development of the 2018-2019 budget including timelines. Budget priorities will be determined throughout the month of February, with the first assumptions and projections being presented in March. A balanced budget must be adopted by the board no later than June 30, 2018. In addition, a 2017-2018 budget amendment may be presented in May. 2018-2019 Budget Development

Member Lynn inquired about the process being used for determining budget priorities.

The board established a community conversation regarding the recommendations from the Facilities and Technology, Security, Transportation and Capital Outlay Community Conversation

Committees for April 18th at 7:00 p.m. with the location to be determined. Options for communicating feedback from off-site participants will be pursued.	
There was no public comment.	Comments From The Public
Amy Crites and Sarah Wohlford will serve on the district's negotiations team.	Other Matters
A special meeting for the purpose of the superintendent evaluation was scheduled for March 7th at 6:30 p.m.	
The board asked administration to follow up with the parent concern reported earlier in the meeting.	
President Bolton adjourned the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.	Adjourn

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary