Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGUALR MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2017

Call To Order

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

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Amy Crites, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Sarah Wohlford and Erica Wolf
Members Absent: Tonya Rodriguez
Administrators: Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross; Assistant Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zachery-Ross reported on the following: security review update including recent training, internal processes and the Transportation/Security/Technology and Capital Outlay Study Committee; Hiawatha principal hiring process and timeline update; and OHS students Kelly Wang and Dora Ivkovich are the recent winners of an art contest sponsored by Representative Sam Singh.

Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier provided a staffing update including vacancies in the World Language Department and the efforts to fill it.

Tonya Rodriguez arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda

There was no student report.

No one addressed the board.

Board Reports & Request

President Lynn acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Andrew Floyd inviting members to the Quiz Bowl finals; and Haley Robins inquiring about an interview.

Dean Bolton reported on the recent Arts Advocacy Breakfast; and congratulated Okemos employee Matt Ottinger on the final season of Quiz Bowl.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Erica Wolf, SUPPORTED by Sarah Wohlford, 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 November 27, 2017
Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the November financial statement and approve payment of bills for November.

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

Summer Tax Collection

MOVED by Erica Wolf, SUPPORTED by Amy Crites, that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution for collection of summer property tax as appropriate from Alaiedon Township, Meridian Township, and the City of Lansing and to negotiate a reasonable expense for such collection of the district's tax levy.

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Erica Wolf	Yes

Vincent Lyon-Callo Yes

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

Employment

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Amy Crites, that the board approve employment of Emily Backus, Special Education Resource Room Teacher at Chippewa Middle School at Step 1, Division I of the teacher salary schedule, effective January 8, 2018 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.

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

Work Session Outcomes & Timelines

Superintendent Zachery-Ross reviewed the outcomes and timelines resulted from the board's recent work session regarding the district's course of action for the 17-18 and 18-19 school years.

The amount of work over the next year is significant and administration must be intentional with the processes used to develop the facility committee recommendations; strategic planning; the equity plan, community conversations, possible ballot issues etc.

Members discussed community engagement in these processes.

School Finance Research Collaborative Study

The board continued its discussion of a possible resolution in support of the School Finance Research Collaborative's adequacy study. Dean Bolton provided additional information regarding the purpose of the resolution, as well as the reasoning behind the timing of it.

MOVED by Melanie Lynn SUPPORTED by Sarah Wohlford, that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution in support of the School Finance Research Collaborative study.

Roll Call

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Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Erica Wolf	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

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Comments From The Public

There were no comments from the public.

Other Matters

A reminder that the January 8th board meeting includes the semi-annual organizational meeting.

Dean Bolton reminded the community of the upcoming fine arts performances around the district.

Adjourn

President Lynn adjourned the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary