Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGUALR MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Lynn at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Dean Bolton, Amy Crites, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez, Sarah Wohlford and Erica Wolf

Administrators: Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross; Assistant Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier and Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz

Presentation: World Language Opportunities

Assistant Superintendent John Hood, along with the elementary principals presented information regarding the recently adopted "3rd Grade Reading Law" including an overview of the law and district practices that are in place to support literacy attainment for our students.

According to Public Act 306 a child may be retained in third grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading. While a Reading Improvement Plan is required for those students not reading where expected, an Individual Reading Plan will be developed for every K-1 student, Read at Home Plans and parent activities are also provided. The district currently implements a multi-tiered system of support that includes reading supports, progress monitoring and interventions. Parents will receive notification regarding retention and instructions regarding exemptions.

Members inquired about parent communication and involvement; mechanism used for reporting to the State; the number of students who would have been eligible for a reading improvement plan; and connecting with parents regarding the exemption and timelines.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zachery-Ross reported on the following: math curriculum scope and sequence; student enrollment update; notes from the last board work session; recently implemented Superintendent's Tenacious Ambitious Resourceful Students (STARS) program at the high school.

Student Representative Josh reported on the following high school activities: ACTION Club fundraiser; recent drama production of An Ideal Husband; and the Non-fiction class bake sale and fundraiser.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda

The following individuals addressed the board: Brynn Hawks, Kari Day, Todd Day and Trevor Hawks regarding building security and locking all external doors at all times.

President Lynn requested adding a discussion item regarding the board work session notes, as well as how to proceed with the requests to lock external doors at all times.

Board Reports & Request

President Lynn acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Linda Danders regarding proposed legislation and Gun Violence Prevention; Okemos Public Montessori thanking The Sherwood Foundation for their donation; and Stefanie Konrad regarding linking to the Okemos Channel from the Board of Education website.

Erica Wolf reported on upcoming House and Senate Committee meetings.

Vincent Lyon-Callo reported on a new club formed at the high school: Focus on Philosophy.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Amy Crites, that the board approve items 1 through 3 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017;

Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Lindsay Harrod, Life Skills Teacher at Okemos High School for the period of April 9th through June 14, 2018; and

Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the extension of a requested leave of absence for Lisa Holmes, English Teacher at Okemos High School through June 14, 2018.

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

2017-2018 Budget Amendments

MOVED by Erica Wolf, SUPPORTED by Amy Crites, that the board approve the amended 2017-2018 Budget.

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**

Proposed Resolution

The board discussed a possible resolution in support of the School Finance Research Collaborative's adequacy study. It was determined that additional clarification is needed and may be discussed at a future meeting.

Work Session Outcomes & Timelines

The board reviewed the outcomes of a recent work session for the purpose of forecasting the scope of their work. The board will discuss further at the December 11th meeting.

Additional Security

Members discussed and responded to the request for additional security. Superintendent Zachery-Ross reported on recent and upcoming security meetings and trainings, as well as reminded the community that the Technology, Security, Transportation and Capital Outlay Committee is currently developing recommendations regarding added security measures and mechanisms. Administration will develop a continuum of options and opportunities within the confines of our current security infrastructure.

Resolution: Opposing Senate Bills 584-586

The board also reviewed and revised a proposed resolution opposing Senate Bills 584-586 and 366 that pertain to concealed weapons in no-carry zones.

MOVED by Amy Crites, Supported by Dean Bolton that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution, as amended, opposing Senate Bills 584-586 and 366.

Roll Call

Dean Bolton	Yes	Tonya Rodriguez	Yes
Amy Crites	Yes	Sarah Wohlford	Yes
Melanie Lynn	Yes	Erica Wolf	Yes
Vincent Lyon-Callo	Yes		

Comments From The Public

There were no comments from the public.

There were no other matters.

Other Matters

President Lynn adjourned the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary