Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGUALR MEETING OCTOBER 23, 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, 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: 2016-2017 Student Discipline

District administration presented information regarding the reduction of discipline at the secondary schools, including a historical perspective; trainings to provide a shift in thoughts and behavior for both the student and staff; strategies to keep students in school such as alternatives to suspension; equity plan connections and preventative efforts. Examples of success were also provided.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about sub groups and specific strategies directed toward those groups. He commented on the intentionality, flexibility and reflexibility of our shift in philosophy.

The administration described specific training and strategies including positive behavior intervention supports, restorative justice practices, crisis prevention systems and culturally responsive schools that has intentionally been instituted due to sub-group data along with clubs for specific groups designed to lend support to students in those specified groups.

Melanie Lynn inquired about strategies that we have determined are ineffective and the district's response.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zachery-Ross reported on the following: Rotary Student of the Month program and recent Rotary presentation by Athletic Director Ira Childress; recent presentation by OHS Alumni Dr. Thomas Patrick Yunck; and introduced the Student Representative to the Board Josh V.

Student Report

High School Representative Josh reported on the following Okemos High School activities: recent NHS Food Drive; State Champion Tennis Team; November 9th SADD event with a distracted driving simulator; upcoming United in Social Progress retreat; upcoming Fall Production of the Ideal Husband will be November 15-19th; counseling presentation and resources; and recent homecoming activities.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda

Jason Aldrich addressed the board regarding students kneeling during the national anthem.

Tammy Bristol-Aldrich addressed the board concerning a possible assembly by the armed forces regarding the United States flag, its meaning and history.

Board Reports & Request

The board took a 5 minutes recess at 8:10 p.m.

President Lynn acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lorence concerning students kneeling during the National Anthem; Jill Barclay and Angie Sexton concerning parent behavior at an athletic event; and Carl Norberg regarding substance abuse prevention.

Sarah Wohlford reminded the community of the OEF Awards Banquet on November 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center. Tickets are available in school offices and online.

Erica Wolf reported on the recent Parent Council meeting.

Dean Bolton reported on the National Merit reception and recent World Café activities.

Vincent Lyon-Callo reported on an OHS Alumni that is starring in a production at the Wharton Center.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Dean Bolton, 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 September 25, 2017
Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the September financial statement and approve payment of bills for September.

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

Energy Project: LED Lighting

MOVED by Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Erica Wolf, that the board award GUSCO Energy the following energy project for completion during winter 2017, funded by grants, rebates and fundraisers.
Lighting Project: Okemos High School– not to exceed $52,218.00
Roll Call

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

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The board entered into a work session for the purpose of discussing our 2017-2018 school year course of action. The board reviewed all plans and 'charted the course" of deliverables. The board developed a timeline for implementation of each of the plans and agreed on the prioritization of items for administration to focus on for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years. While this portion of the meeting was not televised, it remained open to the public per the Open Meetings Act.

Comments From The Public

There were no comments from the public.

Other Matters

There were no other matters.

Adjourn

President Lynn adjourned the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary