Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGUALR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Call To Order

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Lynn at 7:05 p.m.

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

Presentation: 2016-2017 M-Step & SAT Assessments

Assistant Superintendent John Hood presented information regarding the M-Step and SAT assessments taken by students during the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Hood reviewed the results of the assessments as well as how Okemos Public Schools compares with Ingham County and Statewide. Students are tested on English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies depending on grade level. Further, data was reviewed for subgroups which include: black or African-American, economically disadvantaged and special education. In all grades, subjects and subgroups, Okemos Public Schools out-performed the county and state test scores.

Mr. Hood also explained how the district will use this data to inform instruction, as well as develop strategies to close the achievement gap. Examples include: implementing a district-wide data system with multiple sources of assessment, coordinating SMART goals to target mathematics K-4, align curriculum and instruction to CCSS, analyzing cognitive demand and a district-wide focus on learning for all.

Professional development, data days, focusing on the whole child and including other achievement measures for students talented in fine arts, art, athletics etc. was also mentioned.

Information can be found under the curriculum section of the district website, as well as the MI School Data website.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about comparisons to like districts and not just the State; is there data regarding results based on the time of day the test is taken; social studies as an area of focus; and what the trend data for our subgroups is – is the gap increasing or decreasing.

Amy Crites inquired about timelines for implementing the strategies and systems.

Melanie Lynn inquired about the evaluation of our Math program and the process used to assess other programs.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zachery-Ross reported on the following: recent International Day of Peace activities at Central Montessori; process for evaluating and monitoring of temperature conditions in buildings for students and staff; Okemos Alumni and Author Kate Slivenski will visit Kinawa; Compete For A Cause Fundraiser event; upcoming homecoming events; OEF award recipients Peggy Baldwin, Krista Grettenberger, Nicole

Langdon, Hei-Won Lee, Joel Schut, Robb Shubel, Ron Styka, Mark Tomczak, Sue Tague, Rhianna Walworth and Cindy Wolff; and upcoming World Café dates.

Supt. Report Cont.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about the guidelines pertaining to "heat" days.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda

Donna Kregelka addressed the board regarding a Meridian Township Commission that supports and helps the residents of Meridian Township with a variety of resources.

President Lynn acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Andrea Bozoki concerning school events on religious holidays.

Board Reports & Request

Sarah Wohlford reported on the OEF Awards banquet and where to purchase tickets; and Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier will be inducted into the Oscoda Athletic Hall of Fame.

Vincent Lyon-Callo reported on a recent Parent Council meeting including discussions regarding transportation and world language curriculum among K-8.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Dean Bolton, SUPPORTED by Amy Crites, that the board approve items 1 through 6 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 14, 2017
Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017
Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 18, 2017
Item 4: Approval of the minutes of the Executive Meeting of September 18, 2017
Item 5: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Holly Bodjanac-Reinhart, Social Worker for the district for the period of October 23rd through December 8, 2017.
Item 6: Acknowledge receipt of the August financial statement and approve payment of bills for August.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

Audit Report

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED by Vincent Lyon-Callo, that the board accept the audit report of Maner & Costerisan P.C. for the 2016-17 school year.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 2 MOTION CARRIED

Comments From The Public

There were no public comments.

Other Matters

Dean Bolton suggested that Donna Kregelka inform the counseling offices of the resources available to Meridian Township residents.

Vincent Lyon-Callo requested follow up from administration regarding the religious holiday policies and possible discussion regarding the discipline summary.

Adjourn

President Lynn adjourned the regular meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary