Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 14, 2017

Call To Order

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Lynn at 7:03 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; and Assistant Superintendent Cheri Meier

Tonya Rodriguez arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Presentation: Appointments to PHASE Advisory Board

Sex Ed Supervisor Jill Dehlin presented the recommendations from the district's Parent Council for five appointments to the district's Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board. The individuals recommended are as follows: Brett Meteyer and Heather Paris as parent representatives, Michelle Borgialli as health professional; and Mary Graham and Lisa Smith as community members.

PHASE Curriculum

Sex Ed Supervisor Jill Dehlin also presented information regarding proposed Personal Health and Sexuality Education curriculum for use by students in grades 4-9th. The proposed curriculum was previously previewed and unanimously approved for use by the PHASE Advisory Board. Community members may preview the curriculum by contacting Assistant Superintendent John Hood's office.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zachery-Ross reported on the following: recent Leadership Council retreat; student start of the year activities; update on facilities and grounds projects; superintendent transition and integration activities; meeting with Education Secretary Betsy DeVos; responses to recent FOIA request, Freedom From Religion letter regarding Baccalaureate, OCR complaint, and inquiry regarding Begindergarten procedures.

Vincent Lyon-Callo inquired about the marketing of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; as well as the procedures for entering the Begindergarten program.

Administration will collect more data and information regarding the Begindergarten program, as well as enrollment procedures at like districts and programs, and the success of students not selected to enroll in the Begindergarten program.

Citizens Address Agenda & Non-Agenda

No one addressed the board.

Board Reports & Request

President Lynn acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence: Sara Randels regarding Begindergarten enrollment.

Consent Agenda

MOVED by Sarah Wohlford, SUPPORTED Amy Crites, that the board approve items 1 through 3 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 19, 2017;
Item 2: Acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Lisa Holmes, English Teacher at Okemos High School for the period of August 24th through November 20, 2017; and Corey Nieland, 3rd & 4th Grade

Teacher at Central Montessori for the period of August 24, 2017 through January 8, 2018.
Item 3: Approve the requests for a Personal Leave of Absence for the 2017-2018 school year for Amanda Wenzel, Special Education Teacher at Kinawa.

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

Employment - Certified

MOVED by Amy Crites, SUPPORTED by Dean Bolton, that the board approve the employment of Daniele Budd, Physical Education teacher located at Central Montessori, at Step 3, Division II; Lauren Dombek, Math and Science Teacher located at Kinawa at Step 1, Division I; and Lisa Swihart, Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher located at Chippewa Middle School, at Step 3, Division II of the teacher salary schedule, effective August 24, 2017 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

Board Policy: First Reading

MOVED by Erica Wolf, SUPPORTED by Vincent Lyon-Callo, that the board waive the reading and adopt first reading of board policy 4116.2/5116.2 Sexual Harassment.

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

New Teacher Orientation/New Initiative

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Cheri Meier reported on an initiative specific to new teachers and their transition to Okemos Public Schools. The quarterly meetings are designed as a PLC with a variety of topics such as mentor/mentee relationships and technology integration. It will be strongly recommended that new teachers attend, but the meetings are held after school hours. The meetings provide hours to meet new teacher professional development requirements set by the State.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum John Hood reported on a survey that was sent to new teachers regarding things they wish they knew or that would help with their success.

President Lynn requested regular feedback regarding how administration is managing the transition of all the new staff.

Comments From The Public

There were no public comments.

Other Matters

The superintendent evaluation meeting was scheduled for August 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

President Lynn reflected on the recent board work session, the outcomes of that meeting, and implementing the ideas to manage the meeting more efficiently.

Adjourn

President Lynn adjourned the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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Tonya Rodriguez, Secretary