Okemos Board of Education Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:	Tom Buffett, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, and Melanie Lynn, Andy Phelps and Jayme Taylor
Members Absent:	Shulawn Doxie
Administration:	Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; Director Mario Martinez

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Roll Call Vote

Tom Buffett	Yes	Melanie Lynn	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andrew Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Jayme Taylor	Yes
Shulawn Doxie	---		

AYE: 6 NAY:0 ABSENT 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

Members adjourned to Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Members reconvened from Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

Members Present:	Tom Buffett, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, and Melanie Lynn, Andy Phelps and Jayme Taylor
Members Absent:	Shulawn Doxie
Administration:	Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; Director Mario Martinez; Director Elizabeth Lentz

Representatives from Child and Family Charities provided their annual update of the Expanding, Enhancing Emotional Health (E3) grant program, which provides a mental health clinic for OPS youth ages 5-21 years at Okemos High School. Representatives reported on the following: the clinic works to not disturb core classes; reviewed minor consent; and reviewed participation. The counselor met with 43 students in 23-24 for 500+ sessions. A case manager was added for expanded support. The clinic offers year-round services including telehealth appointments. The clinic does bill insurance if applicable.

Members inquired about how many students went past the 12 sessions allowed without parental consent; trend participation data; the referral process; marketing; and medication.

Operations Director Brian Lieber provided information and an update regarding Kinawa remediation efforts including budget, and timelines. Superintendent Hood authorized this project to begin as part of the emergency clause in board policy 3301. Director Lieber reviewed the following: root causes including HVAC and sources of moisture; recommendations from ERG; the cleaning and remediation process to date and proposed; and described prevention strategies, repairs and replacement plans. The estimated cost as well as funding sources were explained. A reminder of what is allowable spending through bonds, or a sinking fund was given.

Members inquired about the following: timelines; the significant cost and how to prevent future similar situations; budget impact and fund balance; and noted the testing info is on the testing page of the website.

No one addressed the board.

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey reported on the following: expressed condolences to high school

student's family; provided a reminder regarding the prohibition of hate speech and related activities; and acknowledged Veteran's Day.

High School Student Representatives reported on the following: additional lunch update; drama production of Harvey; annual food drive to benefit the Greater Lansing Food Bank; athletic update including tryouts and the addition of a bowling team; and the recent passing of a high school student.

President Gebara acknowledged correspondence from the following: Ben Elland inquiring about an interview; Jan Casey regarding the zoom participation; and Jody Noble regarding the recent safety and security forum.

Members discussed the following: what the district can do to learn from this experience; upcoming OEF Banquet; and recent safety and security presentation.

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Andy Phelps 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 October 28, 2024; Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 28, 2024; and Item 3: That the board acknowledge receipt of the October financial statement and approve payment of bills for October.

AYE: 6 NAY:0 ABSENT 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board waive the reading and adopt first reading of board policies 2406 Board Officers' Duties and 2505 Board Committees.

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The board discussed whether to join a nationwide lawsuit against various insulin manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and other dependents accused of inflating insulin prices. The board will vote at the next meeting.

Members asked if we know the impact specifically on OPS.

The board continued their discussion of the proposed board operating procedures. Board members are asked to review and be prepared to discuss at the next few board meetings the proposed Board Operating Procedures. Questions or comments can be sent to Rhianna for sharing with the sub-committee.

The board continued their discussion of the next chapters of The Human Side of School Change as part of their book study.

There were no comments from the public.

There were no other matters.

President Gebara adjourned the regular meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Andy Phelps, Secretary