



**Minutes Of The
Regular Board Of Education Meeting Of
August 13, 2024**

- I. **Regular Board Meeting Called to Order** - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:30 pm on August 13, 2024, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan. Mr. Katz mentioned that Superintendent Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson was absent due to her attending an event hosted by the National Minority Women's Network in her honor.
- II. **Roll Call** – Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein called the roll.
Present: Board Members George Ehler, Connie Williams, Marc Katz, Carol Finkelstein, Steven Gottlieb

Deputy Superintendent Kenneth Gutman and Assistant Superintendents Teri Les and Dandridge Floyd were also present.
- III. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
- IV. **Information from the Superintendent and Administration**
 - a) Superintendent's Report – Mr. Kenneth Guman stated that a tentative agreement between Oakland Schools and the Oakland Technical Center Education Association would be presented to the Board for approval under Human Resources action items. He also shared copies of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Tools and Resource Guide.
 - b) Legislative Update – A legislative update was provided by Lisa Hansknecht, Executive Director of Government Relations and Community Services

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V. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

1. Reports – None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:
 - a) Approval to Revise the 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule of the Oakland Schools Board of Education to add January 28, 2025 and to remove February 4, 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve a revised 2024-2025 meeting schedule of the Oakland Schools Board of Education to add January 28, 2025 and to remove February 4, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Minutes of the Regular and Organizational Board Meetings of July 9, 2024, and the Special Meeting of August 5, 2024 – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting and the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024, and the Special Board Meeting of August 5, 2024, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Pre-Travel Requests of the Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2024 – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the submitted pre-travel requests for August 13, 2024, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

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- d) Approval of Contract Renewal: Honigman LLP – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00 to Honigman LLP for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

B. Educational Services

1. Reports – A report on Essential Practices in Instruction Capacity & Coherence was presented.
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of Contract Renewal: Imagine Learning – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 to Imagine Learning for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Contract Renewal: Lincoln Learning Solutions – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 to Lincoln Learning for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

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- c) Approval of Contract Award: Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$59,600 to Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA) for the period August 14, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- d) Approval of Contract Renewal: Pathful Connect (formally Nepris Inc– It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 to Pathful Connect (formally Nepris Inc.) for the period July 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- e) Approval of Purchase Order: Follett Corporation – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to Follett Corporation for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

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- f) Approval of Purchase Order: Avant Assessment – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 to Avant Assessment for the period August 14, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- g) Approval of Student Services Overnight Fieldtrips for Oakland Schools Technical Campuses – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to accept the Overnight Field Trip Request from Student Services on August 13, 2024, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- h) Approval of Contract Renewal: Graduation Alliance, Inc. – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000.00 to Graduation Alliance, Inc. for the period September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- i) Approval of Purchase Order: Oakland Community College – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order with Oakland Community College for the Oakland Accelerated College Experience (ACE) in the amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- j) Approval of Purchase Order: Google – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$90,618.00 to Google for the period August 14, 2024 to July 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

C. Human Resources

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of Personnel List of August 13, 2024 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve the personnel report of August 13, 2024, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

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- b) Approval of Contract Award (RFP award): National Vision Administrators (NVA) – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$187,500 to National Vision Administrators (NVA) for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Contract Award (RFP award): Standard Insurance Company – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award to Standard Insurance Company for an amount not to exceed \$0.240 per \$1000 of benefit per month/member for Long Term Disability, \$0.190 per \$1000 of benefit per month/member for Short Term Disability, and \$0.070 per \$1000 of benefit per month/member for Group Life/AD&D Insurance for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- d) Approval of Contract Award: Right Hire IT– It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to Right Hire IT for the successful recruitment and retention of qualified and recommended staff for the Nantotechnology, Artificial Intelligence, and Synthetic Biology Consultant positions as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

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- e) Approval of Contract Award (RFP award): Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$2,328,900 to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- f) Approval of Oakland Schools and Oakland Technical Center Education Association Master Agreement: 2024-2027 – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the Oakland Schools and Oakland Technical Center Education Association negotiated collective bargaining agreement for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027 as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

1. Reports – None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action - None

E. Technology Services

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion – None

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3. Action:

- a) Approval of Contract Award: People Driven Technology, Inc. – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$364,947.65 to People Driven Technology, Inc. for the period August 14, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Contract Award: Carahsoft Technology Corporation – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 to Carahsoft Technology Corporation for the period August 31, 2024 to August 31, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Contract Award: Apple Computer, Inc. – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$57,410.00 to Apple Computer, Inc. for the period August 14, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Ehlert - yes Gottlieb - yes Williams - yes Finkelstein - yes

Motion carried 5/0

VI. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board President Katz reminded everyone that the Oakland County School Boards Association will be hosting Superintendent Evaluation training sessions at Oakland Schools on August 21, 2024.

VII. Additional Items – Assistant Superintendent Dandridge Floyd shared an update on the Human Resources Leadership Academy.

VIII. Adjournment – Board President Katz adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Approved on: August 27, 2024


Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary

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