



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
November 14, 2023**

I. Regular Board Meeting Called to Order - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President George Ehlert at 6:33 pm on November 14, 2023, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

II. Roll Call – Board Secretary Connie Williams called the roll.

Present: Board Members George Ehlert, Marc Katz, Theresa Rich, Steve Gottlieb, Connie Williams

Superintendent Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson was present along with Deputy Superintendent Kenneth Gutman, Assistant Superintendent Teri Les and Assistant Superintendent Dandridge Floyd.

III. Public Comments:

- Norma Hyduk expressed concern regarding the status of the agreement between Oakland Schools and the Oakland Technical Center Education Association.

IV. Presentations

- A.** Retirement Recognition – Lori Dean, SCECH Specialist, was recognized by the Oakland Schools' Administration and Board of Education for her dedication and for her contributions and dutiful efforts throughout her career with Oakland Schools.
- B.** Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Statement Audit - Representatives of Plante & Moran, PLLC, independent auditor for Oakland Schools, presented an overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 annual comprehensive financial audit.

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V. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

- A. Superintendent's Report** – A comprehensive school safety report was presented by supervisors from Oakland Schools' District and School Services and Special Populations departments shared information regarding PREPaRE, a crisis prevention and intervention model that prepares educators and school-based mental health professionals for specific roles and responsibilities during a crisis event.
- B. Legislative Update** – A written legislative update was provided.

VI. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

- 1. Reports – None
- 2. Discussion:
 - a) Board Discussion of Committee Meeting Structure - The discussion focused on holding Board Committee meetings in-person in order to support open communication and transparency. Based on the discussion, the Board President requested that the language within the Board Committee Meeting Structure Policy be strengthened to clearly define the Board's intent.
- 3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting of October 24 2023, and Special Board Meeting of October 20, 2023 – It was moved by Board Secretary Williams, with the support of Vice President Rich, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 24 2023, and Special Board Meeting of October 20, 2023, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Pre-Travel Requests of the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2023 – It was moved by Vice President Rich, with the support of Board Treasurer Katz, to approve the submitted pre-travel requests for the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2023, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

B. Educational Services

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

- a) Approval of Contract Award: Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Professional Association-MEMSPA – It was moved by Board Treasurer Katz, with the support of Board Secretary Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$55,350 to Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Professional Association for the period November 15, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

C. Human Resources

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

- a) Approval of the Personnel List of the Regular Board Meeting of November 14, 2023 - It was moved by Board Secretary Williams, with the support of Board Treasurer Katz, to approve the personnel list of November 14, 2023, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

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- b) Approval of the Approval of Part Time/Temporary Employee Agreement Renewal List: Retiree Employment Agreement Renewals for the 2024 Calendar Year - It was moved by Board Treasurer Katz, with the support of Vice President Rich, to approve the submitted Retiree Employee Agreement Renewal List, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

D. Finance & Operations

1. Reports – None

2. Discussion:

- a) The Fiscal Year Budget Amendments: 1st Amendment Fiscal Year 2024 was presented to the Board for a first reading.

3. Action:

- a) LEA Designates Budget Review Meeting: Date set for May 1, 2024
- It was moved by Board Treasurer Katz, with the support of Board Secretary Williams, to set the LEA Designates budget review meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 6:00 pm in compliance with MCL Section 380.624, as presented by Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

E. Technology Services

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

VII. Board Member Comments/Announcements

The Board scheduled a special meeting to be held on January 9, 2024, at 2:00 pm at Oakland Schools to discuss special education topics.

Board Treasurer Katz reminded everyone that the Oakland County School Boards Association (OCSBA) and the Oakland County Superintendents Association are going to have a joint dinner meeting on December 6, 2023. He also mentioned that there will be an OCSBA meeting in mid-January.

Board Secretary Williams shared his appreciation for being able to attend the 2023 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Annual Leadership Conference.

Vice President Rich shared information from recent SEMCOG meetings. She announced that she won the Farmington Hills Mayoral election, and she stated that there are no conflicts of duties serving on the Oakland Schools ISD Board of Education and serving as the Mayor of Farmington Hills simultaneously.

Board President Ehlert stated that during the November 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, there will be a presentation regarding construction phases planned for the Oakland Schools Technical Campuses. He also stated that there will be an opportunity for the Board Members to share key takeaways from their attendance at the MASB Annual Leadership Conference. He also suggested that the Oakland Schools ISD and the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) hold a joint dinner meeting in 2024. In addition, he mentioned that he requested and received two books that were referenced in a recent Board meeting presentation. He stated that copies of the books were available for each Board Member.

Vice President Rich mentioned that she volunteers regularly as a tutor in a program sponsored by the Farmington African American Parent Network. She also mentioned that she will not be present at the Regular Board Meeting on November 27th due to a conflict with her Mayoral swearing-in ceremony in Farmington Hills on that same day.

With the consensus of the Board, President Ehlert recessed the meeting at 8:06 pm.
The meeting was reconvened at 8:11 pm.

VIII. Closed Session

It was moved by Vice President Rich, with the support of Board Secretary Williams to move into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268, Sec. 8 (1)(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if negotiating party requests a closed hearing. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert – yes Rich – yes Katz – yes Gottlieb – yes Williams – yes

Motion carried 5/0

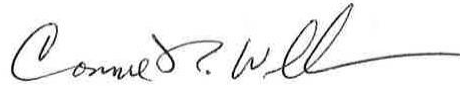
At 8:13 pm, the Board went into a closed session.

At 8:41 pm, the Board returned into open session.

IX. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

X. Adjournment – The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Approved on: November 27, 2023



Connie R. Williams, Board Secretary