



**Minutes of the
Regular Board Of Education Meeting of
January 14, 2025**

- 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 January 14, 2025, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

- II. Roll Call** – Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein called the roll.

Present: Board Members Marc Katz, Carol Finkelstein, Connie Williams, George Ehlert, Steven Gottlieb

Superintendent Ken Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado, and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were present.

- III. Public Comment**

- Dr. Kelly Coffin, Superintendent of the Farmington Hills Public School District, expressed her appreciation for the services and resources that have been provided by Oakland Schools.

- IV. Presentation: Retirement Recognition**

- Tamela Brown, K-12 Career Readiness Supervisor, was congratulated on her retirement. The Board and Administration presented her with a certificate of appreciation and a gift and thanked her for her years of service.

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V. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

- A. Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Ken Gutman presented the Board Trustees with gifts and certificates of appreciation in honor of Michigan Board Member Recognition Month. An update on the Oakland MiSTEM 3P Network was presented.
- B. Legislative Update** – A written legislative update was provided.

VI. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

- 1. Reports – None
- 2. Discussion – With the consensus of the Board, Board President Katz requested a special Board meeting be scheduled in February for training on the Diligent BoardDocs online system.
- 3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2024 – It was moved by Vice President Connie Williams, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Pre-Travel Requests of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Trustee Ehlert, to approve the pre-travel requests of January 14, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

B. Educational Services

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

a) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Grand Valley State University – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a Direct Credit Agreement for Oakland Schools in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to Grand Valley State University, 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 Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Gottlieb – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 5/0

b) Acceptance of Donation: Student Services Donations – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Vice President Williams, to accept the donation request submitted by Student Services on January 14, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The item(s) donated include a check donation in the amount of \$2,750, and a donation of 18 welding wire spools with a value of \$2,306.12. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

c) Approval of Student Services Overnight Fieldtrips – It was moved by Trustee Ehlert, with the support of by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request from Student Services on January 14, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- d) Approval of Contract Modification: Rebecca Fudge – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract modification with Rebecca Fudge increasing the amount by \$25,500 from \$12,150 to an amount not to exceed \$37,650 for the period November 26, 2024 to September 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

C. Human Resources

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

- a) Approval of Personnel List of January 14, 2025 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Trustee Ehlert, to approve the personnel report of January 14, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Contract Award (RFP award): The Segal Company (Midwest) – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Trustee Ehlert, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$146,900.00 to The Segal Company (Midwest), Inc. for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

1. Report – A report on the Business Official Residency Program was presented.
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:

It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute the contract awards listed as items a) through e) as follows:

- a) Contract Award (bid award) in an amount not to exceed \$86,040 to CI Contracting, as presented by the Administration.
- b) Contract Award (bid award) in an amount not to exceed \$101,800 to Connolly Masonry, as presented by the Administration.
- c) Contract Award (bid award) in an amount not to exceed \$205,300 to Shoreview Electric, as presented by the Administration.
- d) Contract Award (bid award) in an amount not to exceed \$3,198,745 to Nagle Paving, as presented by the Administration.
- e) Contract Award (bid award) in an amount not to exceed \$342,424 to Industrial Fence and Landscaping, as presented by the Administration.

The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

E. Technology Services

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

VII. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board Secretary Finkelstein mentioned that the Michigan Association of School Boards will be presenting at the Oakland County School Boards Association dinner meeting on January 29, 2025.

Board Treasurer Gottlieb and Vice President Williams commended the Administration for the work that has been done with the Business Official Residency Program.

VIII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

IX. Adjournment – Board President Katz adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Approved on: January 28, 2025

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Finkelstein", written over a horizontal line.

Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary