

**Okemos Board of Education Okemos, Michigan 48864**  
**SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2025**

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Cavanaugh at 6:04 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Buffett, Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie and Andy Phelps

Administration: Superintendent John Hood

Jason Burns, Katie Cavanaugh, Andy Phelps and Leeni Shrestha were seated to a four-year term of office January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028. Notary Rhianna Walworth administered the oath of office.

Representatives from Veridas, TowerPinkster and Christman provided an update regarding the 2022 bond, including bid package #3C award recommendations. Package #3C is the remainder of the projects for the new Chippewa Middle School. The vetting and interview process for determining which vendor to award the project to was explained. It was also noted that the projects came in under budget and there was significant participation in the bid process.

Members inquired about the following: process if only one bid is received; have we used any of the vendors before; and the timeline for bidding out the Cornell build.

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Shulawn Doxie that the board waive policy 2503A requirements and take action on whether to approve the purchases contained in the 2022 Bond Bid Package #3C.

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

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Tom Buffett that the board award contracts not to exceed \$64,711,964 for the trade contractors listed below and to assign those contracts to The Christman Company pursuant to the construction manager-as-constructor project delivery method: Woodhull Construction Co., Inc., Choice Concrete Construction Inc., Goddard Coatings Company, Straight Line Fence, LLC, DJ's Landscape Management, Michigan Recreational Construction, Inc., Steel Equipment Company, Schiffer Mason Contractors, Inc., Van Dellen Steel, Inc., Quality Roofing, Inc., Liberty Sheet Metal, Inc., Lansing Glass Company, Premier Caulking, Inc., Dobie Construction, Inc., William C. Reichenbach Co., DF Floor Covering, Kuhn Specialty Flooring, LLC, H&H Painting Company, Inc., Southern Bleacher Company, Inc., Irwin Seating Co., Hunter-Prell Co., Professional Thermal Systems, Inc., Summit Contractors, Inc., People Driven Technology, Inc., The Boelter Companies, Inc., and Kone Inc.

Roll Call

Tom Buffett	Yes	Andy Phelps	Yes
Jason Burns	Yes	Leeni Shrestha	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes		
Shulawn Doxie	Yes		

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

No one addressed the board.

The board engaged in a work session for the purpose of conducting interviews with five candidates to fill the temporary board seat. Six candidates were selected for interviews, but one candidate withdrew. The board also discussed the outcome of the interviews, as well as discussed members' recommendations to fill the temporary board vacancy.

The following candidates were interviewed: Rebecca Mercado Jones, George Nagle, Ryan Palomba, Jayme

Taylor and Jillian Winn.

MOVED by Tom Buffett, SUPPORTED by Shulawn Doxie that the board appoint Jillian Winn to the open seat on the school board until December 31, 2026.

Roll Call

Tom Buffett	Yes	Andy Phelps	No
Jason Burns	Yes	Leeni Shrestha	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	No		
Shulawn Doxie	Yes		

AYE: 4                      NAY:2                      ABSENT 0                      **MOTION CARRIED**

Jillian Winn was seated to a two-year term of office January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Notary Rhianna Walworth administered the oath of office.

Members discussed assigning a mentor for new member Winn.

Superintendent Hood provided a reminder of the organizational meeting, and group picture on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

President Cavanaugh adjourned the special meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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Andy Phelps, Secretary