Okemos Board of Education Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 1, 2025

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Buffett at 8:42 a.m.
Members Present: Tom Buffett, Jason Burns, Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Andy Phelps, Leeni Shrestha and Jillian Winn
Administration: Superintendent John Hood; Facilitator Andrew Ingall

No one addressed the board.

The board engaged in its annual retreat according to the following outline:

- Relationship Building, including identifying the following values: growth, trust, diversity, honesty, the common good, respect and health and well-being.
- Year in Review Committee Reports, including glows and grows from the advocacy committee, the executive committee, policy and ad hoc committees.
- Board Roles, Responsibilities & Functions, addressing governance, operations, meetings, efficiency etc.
- Board Priorities
- Strategic Planning
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Board Calendar Planning, including identifying meetings for possible work sessions.
- Next Steps and Board Business, including ad hoc committees, data points for monitoring progress, operating procedure improvement, meeting effectiveness etc.

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board employ Katie Casson as Principal at Okemos Public Montessori at Central Elementary effective August 4, 2025 through June 30, 2027.
Roll Call

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

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There were no public comments.

There were no other matters.

President Buffett adjourned the special meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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Shulawn Doxie, Secretary