

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools' Administration Office, 1138 136th Avenue. The public joined via Zoom, due to Michigan Executive Orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic allowing a maximum gathering of ten inside and public meetings to be held electronically.

President K. McCoy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, K. McCoy, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith. Superintendent T. Martin was also present.

Members Absent: None

Moved by T. Smith, supported by C. Lebster, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020, special meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Duistermars, that the agenda be amended to include a motion to delete a Board Policy, which is being replaced by another. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Jeff Malloch and the Board of Education recognized the following people for their contributions to the success of the School Closure Food Delivery Program this spring, due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic: Transportation Director Paul Wegmeyer, bus drivers, Food Service Director Jenna Stamp, food service staff, Assistant Superintendents Todd Tulgestke and Brian Field, and all of the community volunteers. Nine (9) school buses (and a 10th bus on most Fridays) traveled 10,495 miles to 48 delivery locations and served 304,008 meals to 59,067 children.

Superintendent Martin reported the following:

- He thanked the community for passing the District's August 4 Sinking Fund (to provide funds for maintenance on facilities) and 18 mils non-homestead proposals.
- He thanked the WOEA and their entire team special thanks to the WOEA who we had in meetings to work on the plan, their entire leadership team and membership as we ask them to do new things.
- The legislature passed a series of bills today. The administration needs time to evaluate the bills but, so far, we know they help with attendance for virtual learning. The Board will reexamine our return to learn plans every month.
- MHSAA cancelled fall football and moved it to the spring of 2021. They will let us know what their recommendation is on the other fall sports on the 20th.
- To date we've had 5,600+ replies on the return to learn plan, with about 75%/25%, respectively, choosing face-to-face versus virtual. We are working on staffing now.

D. Duistermars reported the following items were discussed during the August 5 Instructional Services committee meeting: the WOPS Safe Schools Handbook, the June and July survey results, and summer professional development plans.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

School Closure
Food Delivery Program

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional Services Report

R. Schipper reported the following was covered during the August 6 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: a tour of the Harbor Lights construction site; monthly financials; House Bills 5761 & 5810; unaudited information for FY 2020 and FY 2021; 2019-2020; the unprecedented August Concensus Revenue Estimating Conference; the safe schools roadmap; bids for approval tonight; and updates on bond and the fiber projects.

INFORMATION ITEMS
(Cont'd.)
Finance & Facilities Report

T. Smith reported the following items were discussed during the August 4 Student Services committee meeting: elementary remote instruction if we are moved back to Phase 3, the parent survey, and the Return to School Preparedness Plan and Roadmap.

Student Services Report

M. Remenschneider reported the following was discussed during the August 12 H.R. & Communications committee meeting: return to school questions and concerns because we met after the Board approved the plan, specialty programming, transportation (supporting our drivers and behavior on the buses), new MDE Title IX regulations, new staff requirements due to the construction at Harbor Lights and COVID-19, retirements, communications, and an update on bond projects.

Human Resources & Communications Report

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by C. Lebster, that New Policy, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities, be considered for a first reading as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Board Policy
(First Reading)

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience regarding agenda items. There was no response.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE
(regarding agenda items)

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the deletion of Policy 5517.02, Sexual Violence, which is being replaced with Policy 2266, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS
Deletion of a Board Policy

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by C. Lebster, that the Board approve the bid from TC&B Corporate Wearables in the amount of \$28,500 for disposable non-medical face masks, as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of
Face Mask Bid

Moved that the Board approve the bid from Superior Landscape in the amount of \$30,500 for certified playground mulch, as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services."

Approval of
Playground Mulch Bid

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the bids from DeSal Excavating, Hollandia Outdoors, and Hossink Excavating for snow removal service in school years 2020-21 and 2021-22, as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of
Snow Removal Bids

Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper, that an administrative contract for the 2020-2021 school year be awarded to Mary Ruttman as Assistant Director of Food Service. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of an
Administrative Contract

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that a probationary contract for the 2020-2021 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Adam Cox Social Studies Teacher, Macatawa Bay Middle School
2. Rebecca “Noelle” Harrity Spanish Teacher, Great Lakes Elementary School

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There was no response.

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. There were no comments.

The next regular meeting will be an electronic meeting, pursuant to Michigan Executive Orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic, held on September 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the West Ottawa Board of Education convene in closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(a), at 7:38 p.m. to consider a personnel issue.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, K. McCoy, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan,
R. Schipper and T. Smith.

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board of Education reconvene in open session at 8:23 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, K. McCoy, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan,
R. Schipper and T. Smith.

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the meeting adjourn at 8:24 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrin Duistermars, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 9/21/20

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

**RECONVENE IN
OPEN SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT