

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools' Administration Office, 1138 136th Avenue.

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, K. McCoy, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith. Superintendent T. Martin and Student Senate Representatives Lydia Foy and Leah Hopkins were also present.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by R. Schipper, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, special work session as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Superintendent Martin reported the following:

INFORMATION ITEMS

- **COVID-19:** The district has 92 student currently in quarantine, and 6 students confirmed positive for COVID-19. The health department calls any two or more cases that are connected an "outbreak." We continue to take all the precautions and do everything we can to mitigate COVID-19. We have not had any issues whatsoever with kids and masks. Kudos to the entire staff, kids and parents for complying with that Michigan Executive Order. In addition, the support of our Educational Association is great.
- **BOND UPDATE:** The office area is currently being worked on at Harbor Lights, and we continue with planning on athletics stadium, Performing Arts Center and Pine Creek Elementary School.

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Representatives Lydia Foy, Executive President, and Leah Hopkins, Executive Vice President, reported the following:

Student Senate Update

- Spirit Week is going on right now at the high school, with rewards for the most spirited students.
- They are hoping to reschedule homecoming events for a later date.
- They are hoping to have a Blood Drive on October 30. Some area churches have volunteered to allow the use of their parking lots for this event.
- Senior Kyle Magennis is a National Merit Semifinalist, and Seniors Karsten Van Fossan and Abigail Hilsman received a National Merit Letter of Commendation.

C. Lebster shared the Secondary Instructional Services committee discussed the following during its September 2 meeting: new teacher training, teacher opening day, virtual open houses, Spectrum Health's Suicide Prevention Program called Blue Envelope, implicit bias and diversity awareness training, Phase 4 safety measures, WO Virtual, and PA 149.

Committee Reports
Secondary Instructional Services Report

R. Schipper reported the Student Services & Elementary Instruction committee discussed the following during its September 1 meeting: new teacher training, WO Elementary Virtual (WOEV) training, elementary virtual open houses and Google Meets and updates on that day's first day of school.

Student Services & Elementary Instruction Report

L. Rutan reported the HR & Communications committee discussed the following during its September 9 meeting: Families First Coronavirus Act (FFCRA), the flow chart for COVID-19 symptomatic individuals, open positions, recent new hires, and the district's COVID-19 data to date.

HR & Communications Report

K. McCoy shared the following items were discussed during the September 3 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: monthly financial reports, fiscal year 2021 cash flow projections, first day of school (transportation, food service and facilities & operations, Florida and Michigan Virtual contracts, the U.S. and Michigan Outlook for 2020-2022 Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference held on August 24, and an update on bond projects.

Finance & Facilities Report

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the board consider for a second reading Policy 2266, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities, as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Board Policy 2266
(Second Reading)

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
(regarding agenda items)

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board adopt Policy 2266, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities, following a second reading just considered. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS
Adoption of Board Policy 2266

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board of Education approve instructional contracts with **Florida Virtual** in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 and **Michigan Virtual** in an amount not to exceed \$350,000. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of Instructional Contracts

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

Approval of Probationary Contracts

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| 1. Michelle Charameda | Kindergarten Teacher, Lakewood Elementary School |
| 2. Anna Lindus | 3rd Grade Teacher, Lakeshore Elementary School |
| 3. Reid Murphy | Biology Teacher, West Ottawa High School |
| 4. Kelsey Schroff | 1st Grade Teacher, Waukazoo Elementary School |
| 5. Christopher VanKampen | Math Teacher, West Ottawa High School |

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

L. Rutan shared we lost a visionary, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, last week and saying, “She was a tremendous figure and will be greatly missed.” D. Duistermars commented on the quality of West Ottawa’s staff and said, “We are not missing a beat. I am blown away by what I see everyday, which is a testament to our leadership.”

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the meeting adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrin Duistermars, Secretary

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE
(regarding any items)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
NEXT MEETING 10/19/20
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT