



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Fiscal Organizational / Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes
July 1, 2021

An organizational/regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools' Administration Office, 1138 136th Avenue.

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

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

Members Absent: L. Rutan with notice

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by T. Smith, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2021, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the amended agenda be approved as presented to change "Assistant Superintendent" to "Associate Superintendent" in the motion for contract and purchase order signature authorization. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden reported that the Senate passed a K-12 funding bill that will give all Michigan school districts \$8,700 per pupil. This would be an increase of \$580 for West Ottawa. He also mentioned that there could be an increase in funds for bilingual education.

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by C. Lebster, that Bank of America, Bank of New York, Chase Bank, TCF National Bank, Fifth/Third Bank, First United Credit Union, Flagstar Bank, Horizon Bank, Huntington National Bank, JP Morgan, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Level One Bank, Macatawa Bank, Mercantile Bank, Old National Bank, PNC Bank, and West Michigan Community Bank be used as depositories for West Ottawa Public Schools for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that Tim Bearden and Jeff Malloch be authorized signers for the West Ottawa Public Schools checking accounts and that Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions be authorized and completed as detailed in Policy 6144. Motion carried 6-0-0.

**FISCAL ORGANIZATIONAL/
REGULAR MEETING**
CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS
Superintendent's Update

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**
(regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS
Designation of Depositories
for School Funds

Check Signature
Authorization

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Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by C. Lebster, that the following people be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the district: the Superintendent, the Associate Superintendent of Business Services, the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, and administrators to be authorized to sign purchase orders as designated by the Superintendent. C. Lebster amended the agenda to change the wording in this motion.
Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the West Ottawa Board of Education retain membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) - Legal Trust Fund, and the Michigan Institute for Educational Management (MIEM). Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the following firms be named legal counsel for the 2021-2022 fiscal year or as otherwise directed by the Board of Education:

- Clark Hill, P.L.C. for general district needs
- Miller Johnson for general district needs
- Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for general district needs

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by D. Duistermars, that the firm of Maner Costerisan be hired as the 2021-2022 district auditor as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services.
Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Summer 2022 Tax Collection Resolution be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the following travel application be approved as presented, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip: August 8-10, 2021—West Ottawa High School Football (9th-12th) to the Vectors Edge Leadership Camp in Montague, Michigan.
Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

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ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)
Contract and Purchase Order
Signature Authorization

Approval of
Organizational Memberships

Approval of
Annual Retainer Contracts

Approval of
District Auditor

Approval of Annual Resolution
for Summer Taxes

Approval of
Travel Application

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE
(regarding any items)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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The next Regular meeting is August 16 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m.
Motion carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

NEXT MEETING 8/16/21
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT