

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.

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. Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: None

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by D. Duistermars, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021, special work session and special meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- The student and family engagement ticket plan, that provides all students with free admission to athletic events.
- Enrollment updates, which included current enrollment at approximately 6437.
- Executive summary of COVID-19 cases in the U.S., Michigan, and Ottawa county.
- West Ottawa Public School's COVID-19 Dashboard as of September 20, 2021.

D. Duistermars reported the following items were discussed during the September 1 Instructional Services committee meeting: summer PD review, 2021 curriculum adoptions and review cycle, new teacher training, fall PSAT/SAT testing requirements, teacher opening days, and a new legislative COVID Reporting Requirement.

C. Lebster reported the following items were discussed during the September 7 Student Services committee meeting: summer school staff celebration luncheon, summer school visits experience, Teacher PD for the start of new school year, report on elementary principal retreat, and COVID-19 requirements for Benchmark reporting.

R. Schipper reported the following was covered during the September 2 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: monthly financials, food service fund, bond project updates and buildings and track renovations.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Instructional Services Report

Student Services Report

Finance & Facilities Report

L. Rutan reported the following was discussed during the September 8 H.R. & Communications committee meeting: new teacher training, which included a bus tour, transportation union and the nationwide shortage of bus drivers, 10 recent new hires, and legal updates.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**(Cont'd.)**

Human Resources & Communications Report

Student Senate Executive President Meagan Rockafellow reported the following:

Student Senate Update

- Seniors Natalie Blake and Sarah Brown are National Merit Semifinalists.
- The Freshman Mixer was a huge success and the class of 2023 earned \$832 from ticket sales.
- Homecoming details and masks requirements.
- Assembly, Spirit Week, Court, and Powderpuff details were shared.
- They are hoping to have a Blood Drive on October 22 and a toy drive, Senior Survivor, and winter assembly during the Month of Caring (November and December).

There was discussion on the appointment of the official voting delegate and alternate at the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB's) 2021 Delegate Assembly in November.

Discussion on 2021 MASB Voting Delegate and Alternate

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

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

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that Cathy Lebster be certified as the official voting delegate and Darrin Duistermars be certified as the alternate at the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB's) Delegate Assembly, which will be held during the MASB Fall Pre-conference on November 11, 2021, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate at MASB's 2021 Delegate Assembly

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Duistermars, that the location for the next regular board meeting for October 18, 2021 change to the Harbor Lights Middle School Cafeteria at 1024 136th Avenue in Holland, MI.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Change of Location for Next Regular Board Meeting

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by D. Duistermars, that the following travel application be approved as presented, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip: October 3 & 4, 2021—Varsity Girls Golf Team to the MHSAA Regional Golf Tournament at Thomasville.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of Travel Application

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that a probationary contract for the 2021-2022 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Anna Gamboa                      Science Teacher, Harbor Lights Middle School
2. Jaime Steinman                  Choir Teacher, Harbor Lights Middle School
3. Meghan Bronkema                Speech, West Ottawa District
4. Hannah Miller                    1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Woodside Elementary School
5. Katie Anderson                  Counselor, Harbor Lights Middle School
6. Emily Bonello                    English Teacher, MacBay Middle School
7. Mallory Hoatling                1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Pine Creek Elementary School
8. Dayna Bixeman                  GSRP, Great Lakes Elementary School
9. Tiffan Eisen                    MTSS, Pine Creek Elementary School
10. Kayla Lanshe                    ELA, West Ottawa High School

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was provided for communications from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. The following people shared comments in regards to mask requirements:

1. Loretta Vaara, 695 Winterson Pl, Holland
2. Elizabeth Brubaker, 10887 Thornberry Way, Zeeland
3. Jamie Dirkse, 14584 Tyler Street, West Olive

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duistermars gave a big thank you to Bill Kennedy, Pat Collins, and the athletic department for their strategic planning. T. Smith thanked the public for how polite and supportive they have been and mentioned his appreciation, and that of the district's, to how well and calmly the audience and speakers are expressing and voicing their concerns.

The next regular meeting will be on October 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harbor Lights Middle School Cafeteria.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by C. Lebster, that the meeting adjourn at 7:44 p.m.  
Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, 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 10/18/21**

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**