

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.

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

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, 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 C. Lebster, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

K. McCoy called for nominations for Board President

Election of President: C. Lebster

Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper. Motion carried 7-0-0

Election of Vice President: T. Smith. Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan. Motion carried 7-0-0

Election of Secretary: M. Remenschneider

Moved by K. McCoy, supported by R. Schipper. Motion carried 7-0-0

Appointment of Treasurer: R. Schipper

Moved by T. Smith, supported by K. McCoy. Motion carried 7-0-0

January is School Board Recognition Month. West Ottawa Board members received tokens of appreciation and thanks for their leadership and commitment from Theresann Pyrett, on behalf of the WOE, and Superintendent Tim Bearden, on behalf of the administrators.

Superintendent Bearden provided updates on the strategic plan, economic picture, OSHA challenges and personnel. He indicated that the State will outpace projections with record revenues that can be invested by the state. Estimated revenues for 2022-23 may be \$4.5 billion at the end of the fiscal year 2023 budget year.

Student Senate Representative Meaghan Rockafellow reported on the upcoming blood drive, Senior Survivor event raised \$39,000 this year, and exams are the week of January 17th.

REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board President

RECOGNITION

Board of Education

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience regarding agenda items. The following people shared comments in regards to mask requirements:

Maggie Barnes, 8332 2d Ave, West Olive
Kari Reen, 25 Forest Hills Dr, Holland
Bobbi Salazar, 3611 Butternut Dr Lot 331, Holland
Joseph Voss, 15471 Royal Oak Dr, Grand Haven
Sarah Cohen, 415 Wild Stem Dr, Holland
Gavin Snider, 1700 White Spring Dr, Holland
Theresa Snider, 1700 White Spring Dr, Holland
Josh Miller, 6151 152nd Ave, West Olive
Dani Miller, 6151 152nd Ave, West Olive

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the updated COVID Response Plan and remove mask mandates as of January 24, 2022 to coincide with the WOVA enrollment period for 2nd semester. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve, as presented, the Resolution calling for a special election of the school electors of the District be hold on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, and the language for the district's operating millage renewal on the ballot for this election. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the proposed meeting schedules be approved for 2022. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the Secretary to the Superintendent be responsible for posting public notices of meetings for the 2022 calendar year and January 2023, with the Superintendent's designee as the alternate. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by Randy S, supported by K. McCoy, that the board receive no compensation for their services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, support by Randy S, that the Board approve 4 new buses in fiscal year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$440,000 through the Michigan Bus Purchasing Program as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the purchase of Pilot classrooms from Custer in the amount of \$72,434 for the High School as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by K. McCoy, support by Randy S, that D. Duistermars be appointed as the West Ottawa Board of Education's representative to the Ottawa Area School Board Association's Board of Directors for the 2022 calendar year.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Updated COVID Response Plan

Resolution Calling for Special Election and Ballot Language for the Operating Millage Renewal

Adoption of 2022 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings and Committee Meetings

Designation of person posting Notices of Meetings

Board Member Compensation

Approval of Bus Purchase

Approval of Custer Contract for Pilot Classroom Furniture Purchase

Appointment of Representative to the Ottawa Area School Board Association's Board of Directors.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the following travel applications, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

1. April 6 - 10, 2022 – FIRST Robotics to the Rocket City Regional in Huntsville, Alabama.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan,, that a probationary contract for the 2021-2022 school year be awarded to the following:

- Billingsley, Kelsey English/Social Studies Teacher at the High School
- Burk, Benjamin Math/Science Teacher at High School
- Luplow, Meredith Social Studies Teacher at Macatawa Bay Middle School
- Parker, Sarah PBIS Behavior Support Specialist at Woodside Elementary

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following person shared a suggestion to look into COVID related mental health issues for students.

John Trocue, 632 W. Lakewood Blvd, Holland

D. Duistermars, and T. Smith thanked the employees who stood up and spoke along with a huge thank you to the previous Board President, K. McCoy for all of her hard work this past year.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the meeting adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of
Travel Applications

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**
(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 02/21/2022
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary