

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting** 

Approved Minutes December 13, 2021

The West Ottawa High School Vocalaires performed holiday selections prior to the board meeting.

WOHS VOCALAIRES

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.

**CALL TO ORDER** 

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 

Members Present: C. Lebster, K. McCoy, L. Rutan, R. Schipper, D. Duistermars, M.

**ROLL CALL** 

Remenschneider and T. Smith. Superintendent Tim Bearden and Student Senate Representative Meagan Rockafellow were also present.

Members Absent: None

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA** 

Moved by T. Smith, supported by D. Duistermars, that the agenda be amended to include "pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip" under the *Travel Applications* motion, and to add a January 17, 2022 special work session at 5:30 pm under *Future Meetings*.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by R. Schipper, that the agenda be amended to add action item I. for "Approval of COVID Mitigation Policy".

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Superintendent T. Bearden reported on the success for the Panther Pathways session 1 and mentioned that session 2 will begin after break. He also recognized Arianne Olson on her Cross Country achievement and the many scholarships offered to her.

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Student Senate Representative Meagan Rockafellow provided an update on the following WOHS events:

- <u>Toy Drive</u>: This year's Toy Drive was very successful and helped over 150 students in our district. Wrapping day was open to the whole student body and was a huge turn out.
- <u>Senior Survivor</u> Senior Survivor starts this week. All proceeds go to WINWO. The fundraising committee has raised around \$6,000.
- <u>Stuff the Bus</u>: NHS and CTEE students collected items at D&W and Family Fare. All items were donated to the Boys and Girls Club.
- <u>Music</u>: A WOSWE Holiday Show, Winter Choir Concert, and an Orchestra's Concert took place.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**Superintendent's Report

Student Senate Update

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D. Duistermars reported the Instructional Services committee joined the Student Services Committee and met with Pam Schwallier and Superintendent Tim for a special meeting on December 7 to discuss a WOPS EL Program Model and a staffing proposal.

C. Lebster reported the Student Services committee joined the Instructional Services Committee and met with Pam Schwallier and Superintendent Tim for a special meeting on December 7 to discuss a WOPS EL Program Model and a staffing proposal.

R. Schipper reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on December 2 and discussed the following: monthly reports, Food Service financials on track, capital projects updates, district-wide facilities assessment, contractor bids for Woodside and Lakeshore, and the general fund budget amendment, which will be voted on tonight.

L. Rutan reported the HR & Communications committee met on December 8 and discussed the following: new hires, postings for the new marketing position, the High School principal position and 5 teaching positions, state revenue updates, MDS teacher attraction and retention, and the OSHA court update.

Associate Superintendent of Business Services J. Malloch provided an overview of the 2021-2022 General Fund Amendment that will be listed for approval later this evening.

The active COVID mitigation policy was discussed. The Board and Superintendent agreed to review the policy decision made today at the next regular Board meeting on January 17, 2022.

Superintendent T. Bearden and the Board agreed on a January through December evaluation cycle.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board consider the Policies in Packet #2122-001 for second readings as presented.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Sarah Cohen, 415 Wild Stem Drive, Holland Ryan Wysocki, 1260 Bentwood Court, Holland Josh Miller, 6151 152 Avenue, West Olive Dani Miller, 6151 152nd Avenue, West Olive Jamie Dirkse, 14584 Tyler Street, West Olive

No action was taken.

## INFORMATION ITEMS (Cont'd.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional Services

Student Services & K-5 Instruction

Finance & Facilities

**HR & Communications** 

Presentation of the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget Amendments

**COVID-19 Mitigation Policies** 

Superintendent Evaluation

Board Policies -Second Readings

(Packet #2122-001)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE

(regarding agenda items)

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Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the Policies in Packet #2122-001 just considered for a second reading be adopted as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the 2021-22 General Fund budget be amended as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by C. Lebster, that the Board approve, as presented, the bids from various contractors in the amount of \$2,850,747 for upgrades to Woodside and Lakeshore Elementary Schools.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistemars, supported by R. Schipper, that the purchase of district phone software licenses from People Driven Technology in an amount of \$142,327 be approved as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the purchase of Chromebooks from Presidio in an amount of \$55,950 be approved as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by C. Lebster, that the Board meetings calendar for 2022 be approved as offered. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the following travel applications be approved as presented, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

- 1. February 25 & 26, 2022—Adventure School to Eagle Village in Hersey, Michigan
- April 1-8, 2022—West Ottawa Baseball team spring trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

1.	Elizabeth Herweyer	Assistant Food Service Director
2.	Elizabeth Sullivan	Young Kinder at Great Lakes
3.	Hannah Groendyk	Speech Pathologist district
4.	Erin Miller	ELL teacher at Woodside

Motion carried 7-0-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Adoption of Board Policies (Packet #2122-001) 2021-22 General Fund Budget Amendment

Approval of Woodside and Lakeshore Upgrade Bids

Approval of License Purchases

Approval of Presidio Chromebook Purchases

Approval of Board Meetings Calendar

Approval of Travel Applications

Approval of Probationary Contracts

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**ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)** Moved by C. Lebster, supported by R. Schipper, that the district continue the policy set in effect and review it monthly. Approval of COVID Motion carried 7-0-0. Mitigation Policy Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. There was no response. **FUTURE CONSIDERATION COMMUNICATIONS FROM** THE AUDIENCE (regarding items not on the agenda) **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS** During communications from the Board, members D. Duistermars, R. Schipper and T. Smith shared comments about several school related topics. T. Smith thanked the public for how respectfully they presented themselves. The next meeting is a work session on January 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., followed by an or-**NEXT MEETING 1/17/22** Work Session, 5:30 p.m. ganizational/regular meeting 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room. Organizational/Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT** Moved by T. Smith, supported by C. Lebster, that the meeting adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0. Respectfully submitted, Mary Remenschneider, Board Secretary