

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 Lebster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: K. McCoy, L. Rutan, R. Schipper, C. Lebster and T. Smith.

Members Absent: M. Remenschneider and D. Duistermars (*with notice*).

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022, work session and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden gave recognition to Student Senate President Megan Rockafellow for being the first West Ottawa student ever named to the All-MIPA staff. He also congratulated Theresann Pyrett for being selected to meet with Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and the First Lady Dr. Jill Biden at the White House. Theresann will be representing West Ottawa Public Schools, the MEA and all world teachers this Wednesday.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- WO events, such as the EL Celebration, HAAC, Lakeshore Showcase, and the Sheldon Woods Festival
- Elementary re-districting goals and parameters and feedback
- Strategic plan goals and areas
- Executive, Senate and House discussions that include weighted student funding formula, education attraction proposal, mental health initiatives, school capital infrastructure, and educator bonus
- Enrollment, marketing campaign, and Lambert transition

Meagan Rockafellow reported on the following high school events: standardized testing, last blood drive, prom on April 30, Senate election results, second grader tour, eight grader visit, and graduation on May 26.

T. Smith reported the Instructional Services committee met on April 19 and met with GMB to see design elements of the new elementary school. They received virtual reality renderings of the new elementary school planning ideas.

K. McCoy reported the Student Services & K-5 Instruction committee met on April 19 and met with GMB to see design elements of the new elementary school. They received virtual reality renderings of the new elementary school planning ideas and viewed images of the school outdoor designs.

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

Special Recognition

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional Services

Student Services &
K-5 Instruction

R. Schipper reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on April 14 and discussed the following: general fund monthly financials, food service fund monthly financials, capital projects update, bid approvals, contingency increase approvals, and district property update.

INFORMATION ITEMS
(Cont'd.)

Finance & Facilities

L. Rutan reported the HR & Communications committee met on April 13 and discussed the following: Chris Glass' update about retirees returning to work without loss of pension, new hires, teacher postings, overview of teacher absences, and MOSAIC counseling.

HR & Communications

Associate Superintendent of Business Services J. Malloch reported on the bids that are listed for approval at this meeting for Lakewood and Sheldon Woods, the wood panels for the PAC, the tractor for turf maintenance, and the new elementary watermain materials. He also reported on the contingency increase for the athletic stadium and the Pine creek HVAC upgrades and improvements.

Bids & Contingency
Approvals

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE

(regarding agenda items)

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve, as presented, the bid from Reith Riley in the amount of \$573,298 for paving improvements at Lakewood and Sheldon Woods Elementary Schools. Motion carried 5-0-0.

ACTION ITEM

Lakewood and Sheldon
Woods Paving Bids

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve, as presented, the bid from Nandoorn in the amount of \$366,000 for wood panels at the new Performing Arts Center. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Performing Arts Center
Wood Panel Bids

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the purchase of the Kawasaki tractor as presented from Centrac in the amount of \$54,640 as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Tractor for Turf
Maintenance

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by K. McCoy, that the Board approve, as presented, the increase in contingency in the amount of \$300,000 for the New Athletic Complex as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Increase to
New Athletic Complex
Contingency

Moved by K. McCoy, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve, as presented, the increase in contingency in the amount of \$150,000 for the Pine Creek HVAC upgrades and improvement project as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Increase
to the Pine Creek
HVAC Upgrades
& Improvement

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve, as presented, the bid from Wood Trucking in the amount of \$218,315 for the New Elementary Water Main as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of New Elementary
Water Main Bids

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following individual shared comments on the WO volleyball coach at the high school:

1. Angela Reed, 572 Lawn Ave, Holland

No action was taken.

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

The next work session is May 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by K. McCoy, that the meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 5/16/22

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT