

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 C. Lebster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: M. Remenschneider (*with notice*)

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the minutes from the November 21, 2022, work session and regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Cathy Lebster, Superintendent Tim Bearden, Associate Superintendent Jeff Malloch, and the rest of the Board recognized and thanked Kate McCoy for her 8 years of service. Each of them took a minute to share their appreciation, admiration, and respect for Kate's leadership during the pandemic, focus on all kids, support, grace, thoughtfulness, humility, strength, and for "carrying" them through unthinkable times.

RECOGNITION

Kate McCoy
Special Recognition

Kate McCoy thanked the Board for their support, collegiality, friendship and everything they have accomplished together.

Superintendent T. Bearden reported on the following:

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

- Legislative updates: Governor election, MEA Union Members, state wide fund balance for Michigan, state revenue surplus.
- Critical incident mapping bill
- Attributes of best instruction
- Instructional framework goals
- Redistricting work

Student Senate Representative Dylan Markovic provided an update on the following WOHS events:

- Toy Drive: This year's Toy Drive was very successful and helped a lot of students in our district. Teachers helped wrap, and all gifts will be delivered to schools soon.
- Stuff the Bus: Students and staff collected many items and restocked the Food pantry at Boy's and Girl's Club.
- Senior Survivor: The fundraising committee has raised over \$11,000.
- Blood Drive: Overall success, but with lower numbers than normal.

K. McCoy reported the Instructional Services committee met on December 6 and the Student Services Committee met on December 5 to discuss West Ottawa Esports, CS & STEM Pathways, Spanish Immersion Partnership, Tech Pilot update, 2022 fall and winter Panther Pathways, and summer 2022 Ready for School WO Kinder Camp data.

R. Schipper reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on December 7 and discussed the following: general fund and food service fund monthly financials, industrial arts computer labs upgrade approval, Esports device approval, Riley Farms Elementary School bid approval, fiscal year 2023 December budget amendment, enrollment trends in Ottawa County, and the Ottawa County fund balance update.

D. Duistermars reported the HR & Communications committee met on December 7 and discussed the following: postings, reductions, substitute teaching permits, and concerns coming to the State of Michigan.

Associate Superintendent of Business Services J. Malloch provided an overview of the 2022-2023 General Fund Amendment that will be listed for approval later this evening.

Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services T. Tulgestke presented on how middle school and high school students could benefit from Esports.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board consider the Policies in Packet #2223-001 for another reading as presented.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS
(Cont'd.)

Student Senate Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional & Student
Services

Finance & Facilities

HR & Communications

2023 Budget Amendment
Presentation

Esports Presentation

Board Policies -
Third Readings
(Packet #2223-001)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE

(regarding agenda items)

Moved by T. Smith, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Policies in Packet #2223-001 just considered for a reading be adopted as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve, as presented, the Resolution calling for a special election of the school electors of the District be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, and the language for the district's operating millage renewal proposal on the ballot for this election. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the 2022-23 General Fund budget be amended as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the purchase of 33 HP ProDesk 600 G9 MT computers in the amount of \$59,991.69 as recommended and presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the purchase of 70 HP Elite Tower 600 G0 400W computers in the amount of \$108,080 as recommended and presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve, as presented, the bids for the new Riley Farms Elementary School construction project in the amount of \$36,997,243 as presented and recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

During communications from the Board, member D. Duistermars stated the West Ottawa High School Jazz 1 concert with MSU was phenomenal.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of
Board Policies
(Packet #2223-001)

Resolution Calling for
Special Election and
Ballot Language for
Operating Millage

2022-23 General Fund
Budget Amendment

Approval of
**Esports Gaming Comput-
ers**

Approval of
Industrial Arts Computer
Labs Upgrade

Approval of Riley Farms
Elementary School
construction contracts,
bids, project allowances,
contingency, general
conditions, supervision,
and construction
management fees

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The next meeting is a work session on January 17, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., followed by an organizational/regular meeting 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Board Secretary

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
(Cont'd.)

NEXT MEETING 1/23/23
Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Organizational/Regular
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT