

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.

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, J. Otteman, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith. Superintendent T. Bearden was also present.

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: None

Moved by T. Smith, supported by C. Lebster, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

C. Lebster called for nominations for Board President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that Cathy Lebster be nominated for President. Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that nominations for Board President be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Board President

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Cathy Lebster be elected as President of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year.

President C. Lebster called for nominations for Board Vice President.

Board Vice President

Moved by L. Rutan, supported R. Schipper, that Tyson Smith be nominated for Board Vice President. Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that nominations be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Tyson Smith be elected as Vice President of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year.

President C. Lebster called for nominations for Board Secretary.

Board Secretary

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that Mary Remenschneider be nominated for Board Secretary. Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, that nominations be closed as there were no other nominees. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Mary Remenschneider be elected as Secretary of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year.

President C. Lebster called for nominations for Board Treasurer.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by D. Duistermars, that R. Schipper be nominated for Board Treasurer. Motions carried 7-0-0.

Motion carried 7-0-0 that Randy Schipper be elected as Treasurer of the West Ottawa Board of Education for the 2023 calendar year.

West Ottawa Board members received tokens of appreciation and thanks for their leadership and commitment from Theresann Pyrett, on behalf of the WOEА, and Superintendent Tim Bearden, on behalf of the administrators.

Superintendent Bearden provided updates on the WO Graduate portrait, Instructional Compass, Riley Farms draft logo, MASA updates, Teacher Recruitment survey, Panther Fund golf outing, summer school planning, and ESSER funded positions.

Student Senate Representative Jack O'Brien reported the winter assembly, Christmas Carol, and Senior Survivor events went well. The Senior Survivor event raised \$42,204 this year. The upcoming blood drive is scheduled for February 17th.

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

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the proposed meeting schedules of Regular Board meetings and Board Officers' meetings be approved for 2023 calendar year and the month of January 2024. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by R. Schipper, that the proposed schedule of Board Committee meetings be approved for 2023. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent be responsible for posting public notices of meetings for the 2023 calendar year and January 2024, with the Superintendent's designee as the alternate. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the members of the West Ottawa Board of Education receive no compensation for their services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve Superintendent Tim Bearden's contract extension through the 2027 year. Motion carried 7-0-0.

President Lebster thanked Superintendent Bearden for all he does and added that the Board made a good choice selecting him.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
(Cont'd.)

Board Treasurer

RECOGNITION

Board of Education

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

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

ACTION ITEMS
Adoption of 2023 Schedule of
Regular Board Meetings

Adoption of 2023 Schedule of
Board Committee Meetings

Designation of person posting
Notices of Meetings

Board Member Compensation

Approval of Superintendent
Contact Extension

Moved by R. Schipper, support by L. Rutan, 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 2023 calendar year. Motion carried 7-0-0.

President Lebster stated D. Duistermars' representation always makes West Ottawa proud.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper, that the following firm be named legal counsel for the 2023 calendar year or as otherwise directed by the Board of Education:

- Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for general district needs

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, support by T. Smith, that the Board approve 4 new buses in an amount of \$486,072 from Midwest Transit through the Michigan Bus Purchasing Program as presented and recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board approve \$290,505 in food service equipment from Merchandise Equipment as presented and recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the following contract for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Kyle Barr Director of Finance, Administration Office

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the following probationary contracts for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Justine LeFrence Librarian, middle school
2. Michelle Wis Social Worker
3. Jessica Kelly Science Teacher, West Ottawa High School

Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

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

Approval of Annual Retainer Contract

Approval of Bus Purchase

Approval of Riley Farms Food Service Equipment

Approval of Administrative Employment Contract

Approval of Probationary Contracts

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

1. February 3 & 4, 2023 – Wrestling Team to the Midland Wrestling Tournament in Midland, Michigan
2. March 2 – 4, 2023 – Wrestling Team to the MHSAA State Finals in Detroit, Michigan
3. March 17 & 18, 2023 – FIRST Robotics WOBOT Team #141 to the Muskegon District Event in Muskegon, Michigan
4. March 24 & 25, 2023 – FIRST Robotics WOBOT Team #141 to the West Michigan District Event in Allendale, Michigan
5. March 28 – April 6, 2023 – Sister School Exchange Program to Barcelona, Spain
6. April 5 – 8, 2023 – FIRST Robotics WOBOT Team # 141 to the Michigan State Championship in Saginaw, Michigan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following person is a recent retiree that thanked his colleagues, everyone at West Ottawa, and the Board for everything they do and for focusing on equity and inclusion:

1. Victor M. Perez 2063 Breeze Dr., Holland

Opportunity was given for Board communications. J. Otteman stated that Mr. Perez impacted thousands of people in West Ottawa through out his years as an educator and thanked him. D. Duistermars also thanked him and added that his daughter was one of the students Mr. Perez impacted.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan that the meeting adjourn at 7:51 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

Travel Applications

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 02/20/2023

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary