

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 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 Tyson Smith.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Absent: None

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023, special work session and regular meeting as presented.  
Motion carried 7-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

West Ottawa Administrators were recognized by the Board of Education and the WOEА.

**RECOGNITION**

President Lebster expressed the Board's appreciation for the administrators' hard work and all they do for the students, staff and community. She mentioned how great Superintendent Tim Bearden is with his everyday focus on what's best for kids. President Lebster and the rest of the Board also commented about the cabinet team and how good and student oriented each of them is. It is a group of good people that are good at their jobs and they continually make everything better. The Board often hears from the community about how thankful they are for all our great and impressive administrators.

West Ottawa Administrators

Theresann Pyrett, on behalf of the WOEА, shared their gratitude and appreciation towards the administrative team and their partnership in education. She mentioned that WO administrators prepare teams of educators to work together to ensure success in students. Each of them is distinct, different, and special. They will receive a note and gift from WOEА.

Superintendent T. Bearden provided an update on the North Holland potential partnership with CTC, "Swatting" news, legislation update, unified basketball at Harbor Lights, and a technology piloting update.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Representatives Jack O'Brien reported on the following student events:

Student Senate Update

- Blood Drive Update
- Snowball—Planned by CTEE.
- Singing Valentines
- 8th Grade Showcase—February 23
- Spring Blood Drive—May 10
- Purple Power Basketball Games—February 24

L. Rutan reported the Instructional Services committee discussed the following during its February 7 meeting: Panther Pathways update, elementary library data, building our instructional framework, Profile of a Graduate, current curriculum pilots, and middle school “at risk” identifications for SEL.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**  
**(Cont'd.)**  
COMMITTEE REPORTS  
Instructional Services (6-12)

C. Lebster reported the Student Services committee discussed the following during its February 6 meeting: Second grade swimming, elementary library updates, Panther Pathways winter II and community partners, WO Instructional Compass & Student Profile, and elementary principal learning sessions.

Student Services &  
K-5 Instruction

R. Schipper reported the Finance & Facilities committee discussed the following items during the February 8 meeting: monthly financial reports, food service pizza oven bid, 2023 building and site bonds, 2023 A/E firm, 2023 furniture consultant, 160th and James St. closing, FY 2023 categorical grants, January Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference, and the Grand Rapids Community College millage.

Finance & Facilities

D. Duistermars reported the HR & Communications committee discussed the following items during the February 2 meeting: new hires, certified openings, funding projections released, and morning elementary schools visits.

HR & Communications

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

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve \$57,229 in food service equipment from Merchandise Equipment as presented, and as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
Approval of Food  
Service Equipment

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve \$39,359 to purchase a truck on the MiDeal contract through Todd Wenzel Buick GMC as presented, and as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Business Services. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of  
Maintenance Truck

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board place the following high school curricula on a 30-day review at the Administration Office Building:

Curricula  
30-Day Review

- *AP Government – American Politics and Government Today, AP Edition, William Bianco & David Cannon*

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

1. Kelly Wood            Elementary Librarian

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

1. **March 9 – 11, 2023** – DECA to the 2023 State Career Development Conference in Detroit, MI
2. **March 31, 2023 – April 7, 2023** – West Ottawa Baseball Team to the Spring Baseball Trip in Myrtle Beach, SC
3. **April 21 & 22, 2023** – Women’s Varsity Tennis to Utica Eisenhower in Shelby Twp, MI
4. **May 31, 2023** – Lakewood Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL
5. **April 24 – 28, 2024** – WOHS Choirs to the All – Choirs NYC Trip in New York City, NY

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

During board communications, C. Lebster, D. Duistermars, and T. Smith shared comments about impressive WO events.

The next meeting is a work session on March 20, 2023 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 D. Duistermars, that the meeting adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS (Cont’d.)**

Approval of  
Probationary Contract

Approval of  
Travel Applications

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 3/20/23**

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary