

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 Leinster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Leinster, L. Rutan, J. Otteman,  
R. Schipper and T. Smith.

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

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

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Redistricting
- Bond Elements
- WO Advertising Campaign
- WOVA
- CFHZ Grant

Student Senate Representative Jack O'Brien shared the following:

1. 8th Grade Showcase
2. WOSTock- 5 bands, great event but low attendance
3. Wenow Seminar
4. Blake Harms
5. Inclusion Week + Unified Basketball—great game
6. Upcoming events: Spring break and Blood Drive

J. Otteman reported the Finance and Facilities committee discussed the following items during its March 8 meeting: monthly financial reports; 2023-2025 lawn care, clean up, and fertilizer bids; Section 97 critical response group approval; Section 97 Tele-Rad approval; 2023 Senior class gift; Riley Farms construction update; 2023 building & site bonds; debt structure planning; and Addendum #3 to buy and sell agreement.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Facilities

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

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the West Ottawa Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of 2023 School Building and Site Bonds and other matters related thereto as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the critical response group contract in the amount of \$52,995 as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the Tele-Rad quote in the amount of \$47,983 as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve, following a 30-day review, the following curricula:

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

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that a probationary contract for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Madelynn Ederly      Special Education, Sheldon Woods Elementary
2. Courtney Copeland      School Psychologist

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the following travel application be approved, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

1. June 26 – July 9, 2023 – West Ottawa Travel Club on a Europe tour to Paris, France; Barcelona, Spain; and Rome, Italy

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

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

**ACTION ITEMS**  
Issuance & Sale of 2023  
School Building & Site Bonds

Approval of Critical Response  
Group Quote

Approval of  
Tele-Rad Quote

Approval of Curricula

Approval of  
Probationary Contracts

Approval of  
Travel Application

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**  
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board.

T. Smith acknowledged March is reading month and thanked Brian and everyone involved for giving 800 students a chance to attend the Gold game.

L. Rutan shared information about participating in the Herrick District Library renovation.

J. Otteman shared his experience at a Boys and Girls club event and everything he learned about obstacles kids overcome and how supports have changed kids lives. He also recognized Kristin Jernigan, Bill Kennedy and all staff involved in the Regional Finals.

D. Duistermars shared his experience at the Unified Game and high school showcase and recognized Arianne Olson and WO wrestlers for their athletic accomplishments.

The next regular meeting is April 17, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the meeting adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**  
**(Cont'd)**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 4/17/23**  
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**