

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: L. Rutan, R. Schipper, C. Lebster, M. Remenschneider, T. Smith, and J. Otteman.

Members Absent: D. Duistermars (*with notice*).

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023, work session and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- WO Advertising Campaign
- Global initiatives
- WOPS Instructional Compass
- Strategic plan update
- Peering Methodology
- Salaries and benefits for all staff
- Teacher headcount by age & student to teacher ratio

Student Senate Representative Jack O'Brien reported on the following:

- standardized testing
- LINKS basketball
- Spring break and Spain trip
- Senate elections
- High school upcoming events: Food drive on April 17-21, cap and gown distribution on April 20, Prom on April 29, and the blood drive on May 10.

R. Schipper reported the Instructional Services committee met on April 11 and discussed the following items: middle school and high school showcase updates, testing schedule and data, Panther Pathways update, and curriculum adoptions up for 30-day review.

T. Smith reported the Student Services & K-5 Instruction committee met on April 10 and discussed the following items: new Administrator Academy, elementary principal Micro learning labs, 98b ELA and math data, and Panther Pathways and community partnerships.

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

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M. Remenschneider reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on April 12 and discussed the following: general fund monthly financials, food service fund monthly financials, Lawn care bid 2023-2025, Dell Chromebook replacement, paying agent replacement, Riley Farms and PAC updates, FY 22 Special Education funding analysis, OAISD population growth, and WOPS 3-year projection.

**INFORMATION ITEMS  
(Cont'd.)**

Finance & Facilities

L. Rutan reported the HR & Communications committee met on April 13 and discussed the following: new hires, retirements, postings, 50 K project, Ed Leadership Academy, and legislative updates.

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 J. Otteman, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the quote from Presidio in the amount of \$526,880 for Chromebook replacements, as recommended by the CFO . Motion carried 6-0-0.

**ACTION ITEM**

Approval of Chromebook Replacement Bid

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Lawn Care, Clean Up, and Fertilizer bids with Perma Green and Brookview Lawncare as presented totaling \$243,516, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

2023-2025 Lawn Care, Clean Up, & Fertilizer Bids

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board place the following updated AP Language curriculum and associated resources on a 30-day review at the Administration Office building:

AP Language Curricula 30-Day Review

- *Ideas In Argument: Building Skills and Understanding: Bedford Freemand Worth Publishers 2023*

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board place the following Spanish Language Arts curriculum and associated resources on a 30-day review at the Administration Office building:

Spanish Language Arts Curricula 30-Day review

- *Benchmark Adelante/ Advance; Benchmark Education Company 2023*

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that a probationary contract be awarded to the following:

Approval of Probationary Contracts

- Lydia Carson Social Worker – remainder of the 2022-2023 school year
- Lara Hazzard Social Worker – 2023-2024 school year .

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the following travel applications be approved as presented, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

Approval of Travel Applications

- **April 21 & 22, 2023** – West Ottawa Science Olympiad Team to the State of Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament in Lansing, Michigan
- **March 15 – 17, 2024** – WOMS 8<sup>th</sup> Graders on a trip to Washington D.C.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following individuals shared comments in regards to the West Ottawa Wrestling Coach:

1. Joe Spaulding, 307 Riley, Holland
2. Karl Nadolsky, 810 Pine Bay Ave, Holland
3. Kevin Heck, 5408 Pont Drive, West Olive
4. Kaitlynn Heck, 5408 Pont Drive, West Olive
5. Kara Heck, 5408 Pont Drive, West Olive
6. Jennifer Amaya, 12813 N Bellwood Drive, Holland

No action was taken.

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board.

T. Smith thanked the community members for showing up. He also recognized Isabel Anaya for being selected as the Girls Wrestler of the Year.

The Riley Farms Ground Breaking is on May 15, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. The next work session is May 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the meeting adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 5/15/23**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**