

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

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

Members Absent: T. Smith and L. Rutan (*with notice*)

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by C. Lebster, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- WO Student Portrait
- WO Instructional Compass
- Dunes innovations
- Free meals for all students
- Michigan college enrollment
- 2023 capital campaign planning
- Redistricting updates

D. Duistermars reported the following items were discussed during the August 1 Instructional Services committee meeting: Pam's update on EL and Bilingual programs, The Dunes updates, and middle school and high school handbooks.

J. Otteman reported the following items were discussed during the August 7 Student Services committee meeting: EL and Bilingual programs, WO Graduate Portrait, WO Instructional Compass, The Dunes innovation, district and staffing updates, and elementary principal's planning retreat.

R. Schipper reported the following was covered during the August 9 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: June and July monthly financials, High Jump and Pole Vault equipment approval, Motorola radio equipment approval, and the audit for FY 2023.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Instructional Services Report

Student Services Report

Finance & Facilities Report

D. Duistermars reported the following was discussed during the August 3 H.R. & Communications committee meeting: new hires, new teacher PD, postings, negotiations, and Legislative updates.

There was discussion on the appointment of the official voting delegate and alternate at the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB's) 2023 Delegate Assembly in November.

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

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that a administrative contract for the 2023-2024 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Scott Doza            Director of Safety
2. Amado Perez        Principal, Woodside Elementary

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that a probationary contract for the 2023-2024 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Marissa Heybloom    English Interventionist, Macatawa Bay
2. Laura Jacobs        Shared Time Music Corpus Christi
3. Savanna Durham     Music, Great Lakes
4. Katie Daza            4th grade, Woodside
5. Emma Engle          Kinder, Pine Creek
6. Elizabeth Rocha     5th grade, Pine Creek
7. Alyssa Shoemaker    Social Studies, High School
8. Candice Reyherme    EL, High School
9. Caitlyn Patenaude    4th grade, Pine Creek
10. Taylor Boro         Guidance Counselor, Harbor Lights
11. Robyn Fischer        ASD Consultant
12. Auston Whitley      Social Studies, High School
13. Emily Ekdon         Art, High School
14. Heidi Lesh            Upper Montessori, Waukazoo
15. Lauren Stolarz      4th grade, Pine Creek
16. Kyle Mackenzie     Physical Wellness, High School
17. Jamie Shaw         1<sup>st</sup> Grade, North Holland

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that Mary Remenschneider be certified as the official voting delegate and Tyson Smith be certified as the alternate at the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB's) Delegate Assembly, which will be held during the MASB Fall Pre-conference on November 9, 2023, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Motion carried 5-0-0.

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

Human Resources & Communications Report

Discussion on 2023 MASB Voting Delegate and Alternate

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Administrative Contracts

Approval of Probationary Contracts

Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate at MASB's 2023 Delegate Assembly

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the 2023-2024 Student Handbooks for the middle schools and West Ottawa High School be approved with the changes presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

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

Approval of MS and HS Student Handbooks

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board approve the quote from Richey Athletics in the amount of \$31,630 for high jump and pole vault pits, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

High Jump & Pole Vault Equipment

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the quote from Tele-rad in the amount of \$146,815 for two-way radios, paid for by section 97 security funds, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Tele-Rad Two-Way Radio

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, following a 30-day review, that the Board approve new YK-5 English Language Development curriculum from Benchmark Express in the amount of \$52,074. Motion carried 5-0-0.

EL Development Curriculum Purchase

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the following travel application be approved as presented, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

Approval of Travel Application

1. **October 20-22, 2023** – WOSWE and Vocalaires to a retreat at Camp Roger in Rockford, Michigan

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Opportunity was provided for communications from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There was no response.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items not on the agenda)

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duistermars, J. Otteman, R. Schipper, and C. Lebster commented about school programs and events.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

A work session will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

**NEXT MEETING 9/18/23**

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

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary