

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, L. Rutan, M. Remenschneider, R. Schipper and T. Smith. Superintendent T. Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: None.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Transportation department driver accident & update
- Recognized Craig, Curt and Stacey for their CPR assistance and lifesaving actions
- Enrollment increase
- Riley Farms Elementary structure update
- PAC scheduled to open Spring 2024
- Middle school postings
- Bond & redistricting forums

Student Senate Executive President Dulce reported the following:

- Introduced herself and Executive Vice President Danielle Kyes
- Registration
- The Blood Drive
- The Homecoming Assembly and football game
- 10 year survivor anniversary

J. Otteman reported the following items were discussed during the September 13 Finance and Facilities committee meeting: monthly financials, computer purchase, NEOLA Policy po0175.1 and po6144, investment strategy, and 2023 bond update.

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

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance & Facilities Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the purchases of instructional technology equipment from Sehi Computer Products, Inc. in the amount of \$66,344, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS
Sehi Computer Approval

Moved by T. Smith, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the update on policy 0175.1 to increase the maximum gratuity to 20%, as presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Neola Policy 0175.1 Update

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the purchase of the Curriculum Associates i-Ready Software License renewal in the amount of \$137,401, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Curriculum Associates
i-Ready Renewal

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

Travel Applications

1. November 3 & 4, 2023 – High School Men’s Cross-country team to State Finals in Brooklyn, Michigan
2. January 11 – 14, 2024 - Model United Nations to the MUNUM Competition at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan
3. March 22 – 24, 2024 – Model United Nations to the MSUMUN Competition at MSU in East Lansing, Michigan
4. May 1 – 3, 2024 – Great Lakes 5th grade to an overnight camp at Camp Henry in Newaygo, Michigan
5. May 30 & 31, 2024 – Pine Creek 5th grade to an overnight camp at Camp Geneva in Holland, Michigan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that a contract for the 2023-2024 school year be awarded to Jon VanOss as Supervisor for the Performing Arts Center.

Approval of
Supervisor Contract

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that a probationary contract for the 2022-2023 school year be awarded to the following:

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

1. Aidan Koelzer English, West Ottawa High School
2. Amanda Drummond Art Teacher, Great Lakes Elementary
3. Kayla Lindeman French/Art Teacher, Harbor Lights Middle School
4. Tamara DeKam 2nd grade Teacher, Waukazoo Elementary
5. Elizabeth Joritsma Speech Therapist

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duistermars commented.

The next regular meeting will be on October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the meeting adjourn at 7:28 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 10/16/23

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary