

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, L. Rutan and T. Smith. Superintendent T. Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: None

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the minutes from the September 18, 2023, regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- October 26 Bond Forum
- Special Education numbers & updates

R. Schipper reported the following items were discussed during the October 3 Instructional Services committee meeting: Panther Pathways update, curriculum & pilots updates, BenQ Interactive Boards, WO Tech Team recognized, Chat GPT, AI & the future of education, and Chicago Literacy Conference.

T. Smith reported the following items were discussed during the October 4 Student Services committee meeting: Free/reduced admission for parents, Summer School 2023 math and reading data, Show Up WO attendance initiative, Panther Pathways update, Restorative practices administrator training, and September 22 building PDs.

M. Remenschneider reported the following items were discussed during the October 11 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: monthly financials, upcoming bids, Huntington meeting, and 2023 Bond update.

L. Rutan reported the following was discussed during the October 5 H.R. & Communications committee meeting: 2 Harbor Lights positions, funding, and contract negotiations.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Instructional Services
Report

Student Services Report

Finance & Facilities
Report

Human Resources &
Communications Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

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

1. Angela Smith Part time Art shared time
2. Danielle Horrell Social Studies Teacher, Harbor Lights
3. Jacob Skaggs English Teacher, Harbor Lights

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve, as presented, the Resolution calling for the Michigan Department of Transportation to issue an Individual Permit for Use of State Highway Right of Way, in order to hang district fiber across US-31 at James St. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

1. October 10 & 11, 2023 – Varsity Girls Golf to the MHSAA Division I Region I Golf Tournament in Thompsonville, Michigan
2. November 16 – 18, 2023 – Girls Varsity Swim Team to the MHSAA Division I State Finals in Ann Arbor, Michigan
3. December 8 & 9, 2023 – West Ottawa Theater Department to the Michigan Thespian Festival in Lansing, Michigan
4. January 14, 2024 – West Ottawa Science Olympiad HS/MS Teams to the Northridge Tournament in Middlebury, Indiana
5. February 23 & 24, 2024 – Adventure School to Eagle Village in Hersey, Michigan
6. March 8 – 10, 2024 – WOHS Orchestra on a trip to Cleveland, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
7. May 3 & 4, 2024 – West Ottawa Science Olympiad to the State Tournament in Kalamazoo, Michigan

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, C. Lebster, R. Schipper, M. Remenschneider, J. Otteman, and T. Smith recognized several staff members and events.

A work session will be held on November 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved T. Smith, supported by J. Otteman, that the meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

Performance Resolution for
Issuing a Permit

Travel Applications

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 11/13/23

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

ADJOURNMENT