

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: C. Lebster, J. Otteman, L. Rutan, R. Schipper, D. Duistermars, M. Remenschneider, and T. Smith. Superintendent Tim Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: None.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by D. Duistermars, that the minutes from the November 13, 2023, work session and regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by D. Duistermars, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Superintendent T. Bearden reported on the following:

- Deputy Saechao Special Recognition
- Redistricting Survey
- Compass Portrait—GSRP, Project Panther, and STEM
- Cyber Security
- AI Next frontier—Chat GPT, Peninsula Example, Staff May 24 PD
- OK Conference Re-alignment

L. Rutan reported the Instructional Services committee met on December 5 to discuss the Stem Celebration, SME Prime Launch Event, WO Future Teachers Course Update, HS and the Computer Science Courses Curriculum adoption.

C. Lebster reported the Student Services committee meet on December 4 to discuss the Instructional Compass, WO Student Portrait, Elementary Math Curriculum Pilot and Panther Pathways.

J. Otteman reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on December 13 and discussed the following: November Monthly Financials, Waukazoo/Lakewood Contingency Increase approval, Performing Arts Center Contingency Increase approval, Performing Arts Center Furniture/Equipment approval, and the Traversa and Tyler Drive Contract approval.

D. Duistermars reported the HR & Communications committee met on December 7 and discussed postings, negotiations, and redistricting.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional Services

Student Services

Finance & Facilities

HR & Communications

CFO J. Malloch provided an overview of the 2023-2024 General Fund Amendment that will be listed for approval later this evening.

2023 Budget Amendment
Presentation

Moved by T. Smith, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board consider the Policies in Packet #2324-001 for a second reading as presented.

Board Policies -
Second Readings
(Packet #2324-001)

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

**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:

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

- Allisson McCarthy 1st Grade Teacher, Great Lakes Elementary
- Andrew Depree Part Time Music Teacher, Macatawa Bay Middle School

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Policies in Packet #2324-001 just considered for a second reading be adopted as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Adoption of
Board Policies
(Packet #2324-001)

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board consider for a 30-day review, the following: Curriculum and associated resources from CodeHS for the following courses: Python Fundamentals, Advanced Python, Cybersecurity Fundamentals, Advanced Cybersecurity, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Computer Science Jav. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Computer Science Curriculum
Adoption—CodeHS

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the 2023-2024 General Fund budget be amended as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

2023-24 General Fund
Budget Amendment

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the contingency increase from \$563,704 to \$813,704 and add an additional \$198,000 for supervision and general conditions, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

WZ/LW Contingency
Increase Approval

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve to raise the PAC contingency to the proposed new amount of \$250,000, as presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

PAC Contingency
Increase Approval

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve, as presented, the purchase of the PAC performance furniture / equipment in the amount not to exceed \$100,000, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

PAC Performance Furniture/
Equipment Approval

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the Traversa & Tyler Hardware, software, and installation contract in the amount of \$169,176, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Traversa & Tyler Drive
Contract Approval

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

During communications from the Board, member D. Duistermars, J. Otteman, R. Schipper, C. Lebster and T. Smith recognized school events, students and our schools / staff.

The next meeting is a organizational/regular meeting on January 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**
(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
NEXT MEETING 1/15/24
Organizational/Regular
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT