

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools' Administration Office, 1138 136th Avenue.

President Lebster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, J. Otteman, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and Tyson Smith.

Members Absent: None

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by T. Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024, regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

West Ottawa Administrators were recognized by the Board of Education and the WOEA.

President Lebster expressed the Board's appreciation for the administrators' dedication, constant problem solving, and support towards students and staff. Board members T. Smith, D. Duistermars, L. Rutan and R. Schipper also shared kind words about WO administrators.

Theresann Pyrett, on behalf of the WOEA, shared their gratitude and appreciation towards the administrative team and their partnership in education. She included tokens of appreciation.

Superintendent T. Bearden provided an update on redistricting, global initiatives, WO's policy provider, and Re-Imaging Education.

Student Senate Representatives Dulce Salazar reported on the following student events:

- Blood Drive Update
- Graduation
- Prom

REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

West Ottawa Administrators

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

C. Lebster reported the Instructional Services committee discussed the following during its February 6 meeting: EL & Bilingual Program update, BenQ classroom multimedia project update, Global Scholars Endorsement, February 9 PD, Spring 2024 curriculum updates, HIL Grant, and MacBay furniture.

T. Smith reported the Student Services committee discussed the following during its February 5 meeting: elementary math pilot update, elementary furniture pilot, 4th grade swim lessons, and HIL Grant Schools.

J. Otteman reported the Finance & Facilities committee discussed the following items during the February 5 meeting: monthly financial reports, camera upgrade approval, Riley Farms playground approval, investment and cash flow update, United Bank as a school depository approval, January CREC and economic update, and WOEBA bargaining update.

M. Remenschneider reported the HR & Communications committee discussed the following items during the February 8 meeting: postings, insurance hard cap, and negotiations.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board consider the Policies in Packet #2324-002 for a first reading as presented.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that that only the following policies in Packet #2324-002 just considered for a first reading be approved as presented:

1. Policy 0122 - Board Powers (Revised)
2. Policy 1420 - School Administrator Evaluation (Revised)
3. Policy 3131 - Staff Reductions/Recalls (Revised)
4. Policy 3142 - Probationary Teachers (Revised)
5. Policy 3220 - Professional Staff Evaluation (Revised)

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the Security Camera Upgrade Bids for \$450,000 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the playground equipment for Riley Farms Elementary School for \$544,637 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS
(Cont'd.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Instructional Services (6-12)

Student Services &
K-5 Instruction

Finance & Facilities

HR & Communications

Board Policies -
First Readings

(Packet #2324-002)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE
(regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Board Policies

Approval of
Security Camera
Upgrade Bids

Approval of Riley Farms
Playground Equipment

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that United Bank of Michigan be used as depositories for West Ottawa Public Schools for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

1. February 17 & 18, 2024 – WO Girls Wrestling to the Women’s Sectionals in Holt, MI
2. February 29 – March 3, 2024 – WO Wrestling to the MHSAA State Finals in Detroit, MI
3. March 1 – 4, 2024 – FIRST Robotics to the Blacksburg District Event in Blacksburg, VA
4. March 7 – 9, 2024 – Boys Varsity Swim & Dive to the MHSAA Division I State Finals at the Oakland University in Rochester, MI
5. March 13 – 16, 2024 – DECA to the 2024 State Career Development Conference in Detroit, MI
6. March 14 – 17, 2024 – FIRST Robotics to the Lake Superior State University District Event in Sault St. Marie, MI
7. March 21 – 23, 2024 – FIRST Robotics to the West Michigan District Event in Allendale, MI
8. April 3 – 6, 2024 – FIRST Robotics to the Michigan State Championship in Saginaw, MI
9. April 8, 2024 – WO Science Olympiad to the Eclipse Viewing in Tipton Indiana
10. April 29, 2024 – French & IB Art Classes to the Art Museum and Alliance Francaise in Chicago, IL
11. May 29, 2024 – Lakewood Elementary 5th grade to the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago, IL

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

During board communications, R. Schipper and D. Duistermars added comments about WO events, while M. Remenschneider and J. Otteman complimented WO administrators.

The next meeting is a work session on March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Duistermars, that the meeting adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)
Designation of Depository
For School Funds

Approval of
Travel Applications

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 3/18/24

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT