

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 Lebster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: None

Moved by Randy, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the agenda be amended to add the resolution calling for the Board to utilize authorization of condemnation action against Kama Partners LLC for water and main easement. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried 7-0-0.

T. Tulgestke recognized the following LINKS/Unified Leaders:

Jenna Plewes, Jenny Brenner, Jake Manning, Emily McComb, Cara Montgomery, Sara Pederson, Liz Pepper, Erica Knebl, Payton Nichols, Katie Favorite, Rachel Dieleman, Jen Boersma, Michelle Letherby, Dani VanderZwaag, Maddie Edgerly, and Amanda Wynsma.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Gabby Reynolds—2024 Miss Basketball
- Elaine Stiefel—2024 MACUL Innovative Technology Professional Award
- Dulce Salazar—Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year

Student Senate Representative Dulce Salazar shared the following:

1. Blood drive donations
2. Graduation preparation
3. Prom planning

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval to Amend  
Agenda

Approval of Amended  
Agenda

**RECOGNITION**

Unified/LINKS/Inclusion  
Week Teams

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

The Pine Creak Sail students presented to the Board about the Dance Marathon Fund-raiser process and incredible outcome.

R. Schipper reported the Finance and Facilities committee discussed the following items during its March 13 meeting: monthly financial reports, upgrade and bid approvals on the agenda tonight, resolution approving a new district fund for PA 10, and a resolution approving the use of eminent domain.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board consider the Policies in Packet #2324-002 for a second reading as presented.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by J. Otteman, that a probationary contract for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Madeline Smith            Speech / Language Pathologist, District Wide
2. Noah DeHollander        EL Teacher, Harbor Lights Middle School

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that a Panther Pathways Basketball Coach contract for the Winter 2 Session at Lakeshore be awarded to Willie Walker .  
Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by L. Rutan, that the policies in Packet #2324-002 just considered for a second reading be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the Macatawa Bay Cafeteria Renovation Bids for \$1,270,245 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the fiber maintenance bid from Western Telecom for \$22,400 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the internet service bid from Spectrum for \$89,964 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Dance Marathon Fundraiser

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Facilities

Board Policies -  
Second Readings

(Packet #2324-002)

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM**  
**THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of  
Probationary Contracts

Approval of Panther Pathways  
Contract

Adoption of Board Policies  
(Packet #2324-002)

Approval of  
MB Cafeteria Renovations

Approval of Fiber Maintenance  
USF Bid

Approval of  
Internet Services USF Bid

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the network electronics bid from People Driven for \$72,927 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of Network  
Electronics USF Bid

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board approve the wireless bid from Delta Networks for \$116,889 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of Wireless  
USF Bid

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the technology and security contingency increase at the Performing Arts Center for \$84,858 as presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Technology & Security  
PAC Additions

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the quote from Data Image in the amount not to exceed \$2,689,438 as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of BenQ  
Quote

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the quote from Sehi in the amount not to exceed \$505,175 as recommended by the CFO Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of the HP  
Laptop Quote

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve, as presented, the calling for Authorization of Condemnation Action against Kamar Partners LLC for Water Main Easement as presented.

Water Main Easement  
Resolution

Ayes: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, J. Otteman, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve, as presented, the Resolution calling for a Capital Improvement Fund to be established in accordance with the terms in the resolution and to transfer millage revenue to the fund in the amount of \$10,000.

Capital Improvement  
Fund Resolution

Ayes: D. Duistermars, C. Lebster, J. Otteman, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper and T. Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the board consider for a 30-day review, the new course Advanced Placement PreCalculus and associated textbook Pre-Calculus with Limits, 5th edition, Larson & Battaglia, 2022. Motion carried 7-0-0.

PreCalculus 30-Day  
Review

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the board consider for a 30-day review, updated curriculum for AP Physics. Physics for Scientists and Engineers, 5th edition, Knight, 2022. Motion carried 7-0-0.

AP Physics 30-Day  
Review

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by R. Schipper, that the board consider for a 30-day review, updated curriculum for IB Physics. Physics Course Companion for the IB Diploma Programme, Oxford University Press, 2023. Motion carried 7-0-0.

IB Physics 30-Day  
Review

Moved by T. Smith, supported by J. Otteman, that the board consider for a 30-day review, updated curriculum for AP Psychology. Myers' Psychology for the AP Course, 4th edition. Myers, 2024. Motion carried 7-0-0.

AP Psychology  
30- Day Review

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by T. Smith, that the board approve the purchase of the updated version of StudySync 2024 Middle School ELA curriculum and related materials. This is a five-year contract for digital and print materials not to exceed \$219,000. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of StudySync 2024  
MS ELA Curriculum

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

Approval of  
Travel Application

1. March 14 – 16, 2025 – West Ottawa 8<sup>th</sup> Graders on a field trip to Washington D.C.
2. July 14 – 17, 2024 – WOHS Varsity Men’s Cross-Country Team on a summer retreat in Bear Lake, Michigan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following people addressed the Board:

- Rick Houttema, 17000 Crowell, Holland
- Kim Burmeister, 5560 Martini Ln, West Olive
- Nicole Harthun, 1558 Perry St., Holland

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

D. Duistermars, T. Smith, C. Leinster, R. Schipper, L. Rutan shared communications.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**  
**(Cont'd)**  
**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

The next regular meeting is April 15, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

**NEXT MEETING 4/15/24**  
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary