

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.

Vice President Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: C. Lebster and D. Duistermars (*with notice*).

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by R. Schipper, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024, work session and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of action item U, Bond Ratification Resolution. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Redistricting
- Bond Project Timeline
- Global Initiatives
- Bond Sale
- Pam O'Brien's 5th Graders' Innovative Design Competition
- WOPS—NAMM Foundation

Student Senate Representative Dulce Salazar reported on the following:

- Prom
- Senior Breakfast
- Senior Convocation
- Graduation

R. Schipper reported the Instructional Services committee met on April 9 and discussed the following items: BTAM, SAT/PSAT/MSTEP, Elementary to MS & MS to HS Transition Events, 23-24 Blue Envelope Data, and Curriculum Updates.

J. Otteman reported the Student Services & K-5 Instruction committee met on April 8 and discussed the following items: Elementary math pilot update, elementary furniture pilot update, 4th grade swim lessons, and elementary principal learning labs. new Administrator Academy, elementary principal Micro learning labs, 98b ELA and math data, and Panther Pathways and community partnerships.

**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 REPORTS**

Instructional Services

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L. Rutan reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on April 11 and discussed the following: general fund monthly financials, 2024 Building and Site Bond sale update, WOBN renovation approval, iReady elementary math curriculum approval, MacBay Planetarium upgrade approval, elementary pilot furniture approval, MacBay furniture approval, MacBay cafeteria furniture approval, Harbor Lights science classroom furniture approval, and West Michigan Janitorial Contract Approval for 24-25.

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

Finance & Facilities

T. Smith reported the HR & Communications committee met on April 11 and discussed the following: new hires and postings.

HR & Communications

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

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

**ACTION ITEM**

Approval of  
Probationary Contracts

- Clayton Dykhouse      Physical Wellness, Harbor Lights Middle Worker

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the Work Session and Regular Board Meeting date change from May 20, 2024 to May 13, 2024. Motion carried 5-0-0.

May Board Meetings  
Date Change

Director of Safety, Scott Doza, presented on BTAM.

Approval of BTAM

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the Behavioral & Threat Assessment Management process as presented by the Director of Safety. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the WOBN Renovation quote from Keycode Media for \$462,332 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of WOBN  
Renovation Quote

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the purchase of instructional technology equipment from Sehi Computer Products, Inc. in the amount of \$52,650 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of  
Sehi Quote

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board consider for a 30-day review, the iReady Math Curriculum quote from Curriculum Associates for \$729,750 as recommended and presented by the Associate Superintendent. Motion carried 5-0-0.

iReady Elementary math  
30-Day Review

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the Hand 2 Mind quote for \$54,919 as recommended and presented by the Associate Superintendent. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Hand 2 Mind  
Elementary Math  
Manipulative Quote

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Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the Planetarium Upgrade Quote from Solotech for \$265,379 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of  
Planetarium Upgrade  
Quote

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the Elementary Furniture Pilot Quote from Custer for \$37,111 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of Custer  
Elementary Furniture  
Pilot Quote

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the Elementary Furniture Pilot Quote from VS for \$282,744 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval VS  
Elementary Furniture  
Pilot Quote

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the Macatawa Bay Furniture Quote from Custer for \$1,141,448 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of MB  
Furniture Quote

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the Macatawa Bay Cafeteria Furniture Quote from Custer for \$95,745 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of MB  
Cafeteria Furniture  
Quote

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the Harbor Lights Science Classroom Furniture Quote from Custer for \$202,209 as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of HL Science  
Classroom Furniture Quote

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the 2024-2025 West Michigan Janitorial Custodial contract in the amount of \$1,941,110 for custodial services be approved as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of  
2024-2025 West  
Michigan Janitorial  
Contract

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the board approve the purchase from Vista for the 7th-11th grade Spanish curriculum and related materials for \$187,272 as recommended and presented by the Associate Superintendent. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Approval of MS & HS  
Spanish Curriculum  
Quote

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the board approve, following a 30-day review, the new course Advanced Placement PreCalculus and associated textbook PreCalculus with Limits, 5th edition, Larson & Battaglia, 2022. Motion carried 5-0-0.

AP PreCalculus Course

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the board approve, following a 30-day review, updated curriculum for AP Physics. Physics for Scientists and Engineers, 5th edition, Knight, 2022. Motion carried 5-0-0.

AP Physics Curriculum

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the board approve, following a 30-day review, the updated curriculum for IB Physics. Physics Course Companion for the IB Diploma Programme, Oxford University Press, 2023. Motion carried 5-0-0.

IB Physics Curriculum

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, the Board approve, following a 30-day review, updated curriculum for AP Psychology. Myers' Psychology for the AP Course, 4th edition. Myers, 2024. Motion carried 5-0-0.

AP Psychology  
Curriculum

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

Approval of  
Travel Application

- May 4 & 5, 2024 – West Ottawa Rugby to the Midwest Rugby Invitational in Elkhart, Indiana

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the 2024 Bond Ratification Resolution for the 2024 Building and Site bonds be approved as presented.

Approval of  
Bond Ratification  
Resolution

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: J. Otteman, M. Remenschneider, L. Rutan, R. Schipper, and T. Smith  
Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following individual shared a comment:

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**  
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM**  
**THE AUDIENCE**

1. Jim Barry, 982 N. Gaywood Dr., Holland

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

No action was taken.

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

R. Schipper and T. Smith commented about great WO staff, administrators, and the Finance department team.

The next work session is May 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING 5/13/24**  
Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the meeting adjourn at 7:57 p.m.  
Motion carried 5-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary