

2023-2024 Budget Hearing

**2023-2024
BUDGET HEARING**

President C. Lebster called the budget hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and turned it over to Director of Finance, Kyle Barr. Mr. Barr discussed the L-4029 millage rates, student enrollment history, foundation allowance, the 2023-2024 final budget, and provided an overview of the following proposed 2024-2025 budgets: general fund operating budget, fiduciary fund budget, food service fund budget, and repair and improvement (aka “sinking”) fund budget.

Regular Meeting - June 17, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

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 C. Lebster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

Members Absent: T. Smith (*with notice*)

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, that the minutes from the May 13, 2024, work session and regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Summer projects
- Redistricting, boundaries, and staffing plan
- Library Department update
- Reimaging Education Partnership
- Year in review—district level initiatives

Superintendent’s Update

Former WOEPA President, Theresann Pyrett, told her story; from when she first started at WO and up to her resignation. She thanked WO for the amazing opportunities and experiences.

Theresann Pyrett Speech

R. Schipper reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on June 12 and discussed the following: monthly financials, action items on the agenda, FY 2024 final amendment, and FY 2025 General Fund original appropriations budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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J. Otteman reported the Finance & Facilities committee met on June 7 and discussed the following: General Fund and Food Service Fund monthly financials, Food Service prices for 23-24, items for approval (on agenda), FY 2023 final amendment, FY 2024 original budget and the L-4029.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by R. Schipper, that the policies in Packet #2324-003 and listed below be considered for a second reading as presented.

Policies

Bylaws

- Policy 1240 - Evaluation of the Superintendent (**Revised**)
- Policy 2410 - Prohibition of Referral or Assistance (**Rescinded**)
- Policy 2414 - Reproductive Health and Family Planning (**Revised**)
- Policy 2418 - Sex Education (**Revised**)
- Policy 3220 - Professional Staff Evaluation (**Technical Correction**)
- Policy 6320 - Purchasing (**Technical Correction**)
- Policy 6321 - New School Construction, Renovation (**Technical Correction**)
- Policy 6325 - Procurement Federal Grants / Funds (**Technical Correction**)
- Policy 6350 - Prevailing Wage (**New**)
- Policy 6520 - Payroll Deductions (**Revised**)
- Policy 8800 - Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances (**Revised**)

Administrative Guidelines

- AG8800B - Religious Expression in the District (**Technical Correction**)
- AG8800C - The Flag and Patriotic Ceremonies (**Revised**)
- AG8800D - The Flag and Patriotic Ceremonies (**Technical Correction**)

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that a probationary contract for the 2024-2025 school year be awarded to the following:

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| 1. Megan Good | 5 th Grade Teacher, Waukazoo Elementary |
| 2. Naomi Evrell | Behavior Interventionist, Waukazoo & Woodside Elementary |
| 3. Emily Olson | Kindergarten Teacher, Waukazoo Elementary |
| 4. Tiffany Stegink | 5 th Grade Teacher, Pine Creek Elementary |
| 5. Abigail Mendels | Kindergarten Teacher, Pine Creek Elementary |
| 6. Kristin Matvichuck | Social Worker, Elementary & Middle School |
| 7. Lauren Schribner | Lower Montessori, Waukazoo Elementary |
| 8. Tyler Robinson | English Teacher, High School |
| 9. Shelby Hoernschemeyer | English Teacher, Macatawa Bay Middle School |
| 10. Katherine Mouganis | English Teacher, Macatawa Bay Middle School |
| 11. Brianna Lee | Chemistry Teacher, High School |

Motion carried 6-0-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS
(Cont'd.)

Finance & Facilities

Board Policies - Second Readings (Packet #2324-003)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

(regarding agenda items)

Approval of Probationary Contracts

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Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Policies in Packet #2324-003 just considered for a second reading, be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the proposed meal prices for the 2024-2025 school year be approved as presented and recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the 2024 L-4029 millage rates as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the final budget amendments to the 2023-2024 General Fund, Food Service Fund, Fiduciary Fund and Repair and Improvement (aka Sinking) Fund income and appropriations be accepted as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, that the 2024-2025 General Fund Operating Budget, Fiduciary Fund Budget, Food Service Fund Budget, and Repair and Improvement (Sinking) Fund Budget resolutions be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the quote from AngelTrax in the amount not to exceed \$233,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras in the bus fleet, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the Sheldon Woods furniture quote from Custer in the amount of \$51,179, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the quote from CDW in the amount of \$136,050 for Lightspeed renewal services, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the quote from Mobile Communications America in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the radio range upgrade package, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Board Policies

2024-2025 Meal Prices

Approval of the L-4029

Approval of Final 2023-2024 Budget Amendments

Approval of 2024-2025 Budget

Bus Camera Installation Proposal Approval

Sheldon Woods Furniture Approval

Lightspeed Subscription Renewal

MCA Radio Range Package Approval

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Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the quote from Gorno Ford in the amount of \$40,378 for a district vehicle, as recommended by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

District Vehicle
Purchase Approval

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the 2024-2025 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Resolution be approved as presented.

Approval of
2023-2024 MHSAA
Membership Resolution

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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:

Approval of
Travel Applications

1. **July 19 – 21, 2024** – West Ottawa Varsity Volleyball on a Purdue Team Camp in West Lafayette, IN
2. **August 16 & 17, 2024** – West Ottawa Varsity Volleyball Team’s overnight at the Coach’s house in Holland, MI
3. **September 6 & 7, 2024** – Men’s Tennis to the Troy Athens Quad in Rochester, MI
4. **October 17 – 19, 2024** – Men’s Tennis to the MHSAA Tennis State Finals in Kalamazoo, MI

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Communications from
the Audience
(regarding any items)

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board.. D. Duistermars and C. Lebster shared about how amazed they were at the 3 WO graduations: High school, The Dunes, and WOVA.

Board Communications

The next meeting is the fiscal organizational/regular meeting on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools’ Administration Office.

Next Meeting 7/1/24:
Fiscal Organizational / Regular
Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the meeting adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary