

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

Members Absent: R. Schipper (*with notice*)

Moved by T. Smith, supported by J. Otteman, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, Todd Tulgestke, recognized the Summer C.A.M.P. Program and all the amazing opportunities it offered students. Adam Cox recognized other staff members that helped him make the program special and memorable for all students that attended. Mr. Cox presented on all of the program's fun activities and achievements.

Superintendent Bearden provided an update on the following:

- Strategic Plan
- Bond Projects
- Redistricting
- Compass / Portrait
- CFO Position
- Interventions & State & Federal Grants Coordinator
- Policy Changeover
- Fall Sports Numbers
- Scott Doza—EOP

The Director of Safety, Scott Doza presented the Emergency Operations Plan to the Board and answered questions.

Student Senate Executive President Fatima Correa Morales introduced herself to the Board and updated the Board on what the Student Senate have done so far.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

Summer C.A.M.P.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Q & A on Emergency
Operations Plan

Student Senate Update

C. Lebster reported the following items were discussed during the August 6 Instructional Services committee meeting: Handbooks updates, new teacher trainings, and PD programs available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
 Instructional Services Report

T. Smith reported the following items were discussed during the August 5 Student Services committee meeting: EOP & approval, elementary handbook, elementary summer development programs, and the recently hired teachers' survey to improve the New Teacher Opening Day.

Student Services Report

J. Otteman reported the following was covered during the August 14 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: June and July monthly financials, Certificate of Excellence 9th year in a row, recognition of Kyle Barr and Will Lackey's great work, budget, and capital projects this summer.

Finance & Facilities Report

M. Remenschneider reported the following was discussed during the August 1 H.R. & Communications committee meeting: new hires, postings, schedule B negotiations, and high school coaching changes.

Human Resources & Communications Report

There was discussion on the appointment of the official voting delegate and alternate at the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB's) 2024 Delegate Assembly in October.

Discussion on 2024 MASB Voting Delegate and Alternate

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 2024-2025 school year be awarded to the following:

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Probationary Contracts

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| 1. Madison Copeland | Upper Montessori Teacher, Waukazoo |
| 2. Bailey Goen | French & English Teacher, MacBay |
| 3. Nicole Hefty | Science Teacher, High School |
| 4. Delaney Huizen | Spanish Teacher, High School |
| 5. Nolan Jameison | Behavior Specialist, Great Lakes & Sheldon Woods |
| 6. Julia Jarzembowski | Technology Teacher, Lakewood & Waukazoo |
| 7. Sarah McCord | Behavior Support, Lakeshore & Lakewood |
| 8. Clifton Metcalf | Music Teacher, MacBay |
| 9. Angie Montoya | Special Education Teacher, MacBay |
| 10. Shona Pentecost | 2 nd Grade Teacher, Great Lakes |
| 11. Natalie Platt | Kindergarten Teacher, Sheldon Woods |
| 12. John Ritchie | Social Studies Teacher, High School |
| 13. Ali Sorg | 5 th Grade Teacher, Waukazoo |
| 14. Megan Sparling | 3 rd Grade Teacher, Lakeshore |
| 15. Jaime Stahl | Stem & Industrial Tech, Harbor Lights & MacBay |
| 16. Cassandra Tubbs | Behavior Specialist, Woodside |

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by T. Smith, that a administrative contract for the 2024-2025 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Brent Potts Assistant Principal, High School

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the West Ottawa Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan, as presented by the Directory of Safety. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by L. Rutan, that Cathy Lebster be certified as the official voting delegate and Mary Remenschneider be certified as the alternate at the Michigan Association of School Board's (MASB's) Delegate Assembly, which will be held during on October 24, 2024, at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by T. Smith, that the 2024-2025 Student Handbooks for the elementary schools, middle schools, West Ottawa High School, The Dunes, and WOVA be approved with the changes presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the 2024-2025 Athletic Handbook be approved with the changes presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services, Todd Tulgestke, presented on the SEAB Committee.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, that the Sex Ed Advisory Board Committee be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that the following travel applications be approved as presented, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

1. **September 27 & 28, 2024** – FIRST Robotics to the Ferris State University Robo Day in Big Rapids, Michigan.
2. **January 16 – 19, 2025** - Model United Nations to the MUNUM Conference at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
3. **March 22 – 24, 2025** – Model United Nation to the MSUMUN Conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)

Approval of
Administrative Contract

Approval of WOPS EOP

Designation of Voting
Delegate and Alternate at
MASB's 2024 Delegate
Assembly

Approval of
Student Handbooks

Approval of Athletic Handbook

Approval of SEAB Committee

Approval of
Travel Applications

Opportunity was provided for communications from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. There was no response.

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duistermars, T. Smith, and C. Lebster recognized the cabinet team and other district staff's hard work all summer.

A work session will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by D. Duistermars, that the meeting adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 9/18/23

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary