

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

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

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the agenda be amended to include the approval of the elementary redistricting as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden updated the Board on district projects.

Student Senate Executive President Fatima reported the following:

- WOBN equipment
- Homecoming Week
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- First Voice Generation Panel

J. Otteman reported the following items were discussed during the September 11 Finance and Facilities committee meeting: monthly financials, piano approval, furniture approval, natatorium early site package approval, and the natatorium progress update.

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

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by L. Rutan, that a contract for the 2024-2025 school year be awarded to Chris LaHaie as Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance. Motion carried 6-0-0.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

COMMITTEE REPORT

Finance & Facilities Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE
AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of
Administrative Contract

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

1. Kristi Zietz-Hozeska Occupational Therapist
2. Heather Foxworthy Occupational Therapist
3. Erin James Counselor, High School

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the purchases of a Boston GP215 Grand Piano from West Michigan Piano LLC in the amount of \$58,010, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchase of the Curriculum Associates i-Ready Software License renewal in the amount of \$101,352 as, recommended and presented by the CFO . Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchases of furniture for the PAC and Sheldon Woods in the amount of \$52,481, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the construction contract, earth work and site contract, utility allowances, contingency, and construction management expenses in the amount of \$669,850, as recommended and presented by the CFO. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that Tim Bearden and Chris LaHaie be authorized signers for the West Ottawa Public Schools checking accounts and that Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions be authorized and completed as detailed in Policy 6144. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by T. Smith, supported by D. Duistermars, that the following people be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the district: the Superintendent, the Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, and administrators to be authorized to sign purchase orders as designated by the Superintendent. Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

1. October 18 & 19, 2024 – West Ottawa High School Choir to the Advanced Choirs Retreat at Camp Roger in Rockford, Michigan
2. November 1 & 2, 2024 – High School Men’s Cross-Country Team to the Cross-Country State Finals in Brooklyn, Michigan
3. December 18, 2024 – High School Orchestra on a trip to Chicago, Illinois
4. April 30 – May 2, 2025 – Great Lakes’ 5th grade classes on an overnight camp at Camp Henry in Newaygo, Michigan

Motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

Grand Piano
Approval

Curriculum Associates
i-Ready Renewal

PAC & Sheldon Woods
Furniture Approval

Natatorium Early Site
Package Approval

Check Signature
Authorization

Contract and Purchase
Order Signature
Authorization

Travel Applications

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the elementary re-districting map be approved as presented by the Superintendent at the Board Work Session. Motion carried 6-0-0.

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. There was no response.

The next regular meeting will be on October 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, that the meeting adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

Approval of Elementary Redistricting Map

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

(regarding items not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 10/21/24

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary