

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, R. Schipper, L. Rutan and T. Smith. Superintendent T. Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: None

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by T. Smith, that the minutes from the September 16, 2024, Work Session and regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by L. Rutan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Thrun Policies Approval in November
- Events for Board Members to attend
- Music Man Opening
- Data & Cabinet Meetings
- ODC Spanish special changed to Science
- Redistricting notifications logistics

Student Senate Executive President Fatima reported the following:

- Recap of Homecoming
- Video she made
- Senior Survivor
- College Spirit Week
- Music Man Performance

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

T. Smith reported the following items were discussed during the October 1 Instructional & Student Services committee meeting: Consulting with building leaders to know where to implement funds, Imetrics across all public K-12 & WO, student attendance & achievement, Panther Pathways update, tardy attendance policies updated for HS, MTSS & interventions.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Instructional Services  
Report

L. Rutan reported the following items were discussed during the October 9 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: monthly financials, MI School Aid fund, current interest rate projections, Fall count and supplemental budget increase, and approval items listed on the agenda.

Finance & Facilities  
Report

T. Smith reported the following was discussed during the October 3 H.R. & Communications committee meeting: postings, new hires, personnel update, Admin Academy and student data—attendance & achievement (pre-Covid to current)

Human Resources &  
Communications Report

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 R. Schipper, that a probationary contract for the 2024-2025 school year be awarded to the following:

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of  
Probationary Contracts

1. Kate Beyer                      Speech and Language Pathologist
2. Victor Perez                   EL, Harbor Lights

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchase of Electrical Panels and Generator in the total amount of \$196,500, as presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Lakeshore Elementary  
Electrical Equipment  
Pre-Purchase

Moved by T. Smith, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the purchase of HVAC Equipment in the amount of \$770,395, as presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Lakeshore Elementary HVAC  
Equipment Pre-Purchase

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by T. Smith, that the Board approve the purchase of District-wide radio infrastructure in an amount not to exceed \$236,602.50, as presented by the CFO. Motion carried 7-0-0.

District-wide Radio  
Infrastructure Purchase

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:

1. **October 26** – West Ottawa Volleyball to the Purdue vs Wisconsin Volleyball Match in West Lafayette, Indiana
2. **November 22 – 23, 2024** – Science Olympiad HS & MS Teams to the Northridge Invitational in Middleburg, Indiana
3. **November 7, 2024** – French & Art Students to the French / Art Field Trip in Chicago, Illinois
4. **December 13 – 14, 2024** – West Ottawa Theater Department / Drama Club to the Annual Michigan Thespian Festival in Lansing, Michigan
5. **May 29 – 30, 2025** - Pine Creek 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to the Fifth Grade Camp in Holland, Michigan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Opportunity was provided for communications from the audience regarding items not on the agenda. The following individual addressed Title 9:

Allan Hoekstra, 3977 Tallgrass East Ct, Holland

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duistermars and R. Schipper added a comment.

A work session will be held on November 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the meeting adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)**

Travel Applications

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 11/18/24**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Remenschneider, Secretary