

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 and a moment of silence for student Lucas Garbarino.

Members Present: D. Duisttermars, C. Lebster, J. Otteman, L. Rutan, and M. Remenschneider. Superintendent T. Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: R. Schipper and T. Smith.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by J. Otteman, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Progress toward the Strategic
- Portrait of WO Graduate
- WOPS—State of the School

Student Senate Representative Fatima reported on how the high school responded to Luca's tragedy by providing support at the high school for students. She also mentioned the joy Lucas brought to many of his friends and students.

L. Rutan reported the following was covered during the November 13 Finance & Facilities committee meeting: Monthly General and Food Service financials, economic and financial updates, and Board approvals.

C. Lebster reported on the Michigan Association of School Boards' (MASB's) Annual Delegate Assembly she attended on October 24th as West Ottawa's official voting delegate.

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
& MOMENT OF SILENCE**

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS
Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

Finance & Facilities Report

MASB Delegate Assembly Report

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

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board approve the purchase of a District Telephone System for a total amount not to exceed \$411,475, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchase of Band & Orchestra instruments for a total amount not to exceed \$85,430, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the purchase of Riley Farms Furniture for \$111,810 as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the following travel application, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

1. April 5 – 13, 2025 – West Ottawa Varsity Baseball on a Spring Break Baseball Trip to Charleston, South Carolina February 15 – 24, 2024 – WO Sister School Exchange to Terrassa, Spain

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Opportunity was given for communications from the audience. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Kasandra Watts, Holland
Terra Taylor, Holland
Angela Drain, Holland
John Trockle, Holland

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by J. Otteman, that the West Ottawa Board of Education convene in closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(a), at 7:56 p.m. regarding a periodic evaluation of the superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board of Education reconvene in open session at 8:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 5-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE (regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS

District Telephone System
Replacement

Band & Orchestra
Equipment Purchase

Riley Farms
Furniture Purchase

Approval of
Travel Application

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE (regarding items not on the agenda)

CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. There was no response.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room. The West Ottawa Vocalaires will perform at 6:45 p.m.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the meeting adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Remenschneider, Secretary

FUTURE CONSIDERATION
(Cont'd.)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 12/16/24

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT