

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 Lebster opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members Absent: None

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

T. Tulgestke recognized the Unified Week Teams and their amazing work.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Riley Farms Elementary completed
- Furniture piloting
- Online Registrations and staffing updates
- Dunes—Michelle Woods now principal
- Spain students visiting this week
- WO students trip to France soon

Student Senate Representative Fatmia Correa Morales shared the following:

1. Boy's basketball—OK Red District Champions
2. Isabel Anaya Wrestling Championship Match
3. First Voice Generation Film
4. Girls of Color Summit
5. Inclusion Week
6. Youth of the Year—Stephanie Rangel & other WO nominees
7. WOSTOCK
8. Promise Scholarship Recipients
9. WO Live Broadcasting

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval to  
Agenda

**RECOGNITION**

Unified Week Teams

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

J. Otteman reported the Finance and Facilities committee discussed the following items during its March 12 meeting: monthly financial reports, economic / financial updates, action items, and district updates.

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

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the board consider for a 30-day review, the elementary ELA curriculum, Bookworms K-5 Reading and Writing by Open-up Resources, 2024. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the January 29, 2025 Thru Policy Update as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve enrollment in a District credit card program with Huntington Bank, and authorize Chris LaHaie and Kyle Barr as the persons authorized to execute a card agreement. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the summer 2025 renovations for Lakeshore Elementary for an amount not to exceed \$6,322,148, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the summer 2025 Outdoor Learning Spaces site work package for an amount not to exceed \$1,137,165, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Business & Finance. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that the following travel application be approved, pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the proposed trip:

1. **April 18 - 19, 2025** - Women’s Varsity Tennis to the Utica Eisenhower in Shelby Twp., Michigan
2. **May 3 - 4, 2025** - West Ottawa Rugby to the Mid-West Tournament in Elkhart, Indiana
3. **June 3, 2025** - Lakewood Elementary 5th Graders on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois
4. **June 11 - 23, 2025** - WO Global Initiatives on a Sister School Exchange in Kusatsu, Japan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Finance & Facilities

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**  
(regarding agenda items)

**ACTION ITEMS**  
ELA Curriculum  
30- Day Review

Approval of ESTA  
Policy Update

New District Credit  
Card Program

Lakeshore Elementary  
Renovation

Outdoor Learning Spaces  
Site Work

Approval of  
Travel Applications

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

C. Martinez, M. Remenschneider, and C. Lebster acknowledged district events that occurred within the past month.

The next regular meeting is April 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 4/21/25**  
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Otteman, Secretary