

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, L. Rutan, R. Schipper, M. Remenschneider, and C. Martinez

Members Absent: None

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

Associate Superintendent Tulgestke recognized Student Senate member Fatima Correa Morales for her many accomplishments, particularly her excellent work on the Teacher Appreciation Week video project.

Fatima was thanked for her outstanding leadership as the Student Senate Representative to the West Ottawa Board of Education for this school year, and wishes were extended to her for the best in her future endeavors.

Pam Schwallier congratulated 28 graduating teachers and acknowledged the GYO candidates, highlighting the program model and its support for the District's Strategic Plan.

Superintendent Bearden updated the Board on the following topics:

- WOPS Instructional Compass Update
- Strategic Plan Update
- Bond Project Update
- Recognitions

Student Senate Representative Fatima Correa Morales expressed gratitude to the Board for the chance to represent the student body and introduced Riley Jernigan as the 25-26 Student Senate Representative.

R. Schipper updated the Board on what was discussed at the May 14 Finance Committee: monthly financials, investment earnings, ASBO—Certificate of Excellence, OAISD Annual Budget, 25-26 School Aid Budget update, Title IV update, and capital projects.

There was discussion on the District's voting delegate/alternate and choice of two candidates that the voting delegate will vote for at the June 2, 2025, biennial election for the three open seats on the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Board of Education.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

Student Senate
Representative

INFORMATION ITEMS

Grow Your Own
Grant & TESOL
Program

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Report

Discussion of Candidates for
the OAISD Board of Educa-
tion and the District's Voting

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by M. Remenschneider, that a probationary contract be awarded to the following for the 2025-2026 school year:

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2. Macy Merchant - PE Harbor Lights Middle School
3. Cody Kuster - School Psych
4. Logan Vegh – High School Math
5. Angelica Herrera-Estrada - EL Bilingual Specialist
6. Jeana O'Connor - GSRP Teacher Leader
7. Greta VanDenend - HS Resource Teacher
8. Sarah Park - 6th & 8th Science Harbor Lights Middle School
9. Jack Snyder - 6th Science Harbor Lights Middle School
10. Baily Sprick - K-2 CI Lakewood Elementary
11. Madge Ritter - School Psych
12. Allison Rittenhouse - Rule 55 SE
13. Madeleigh Meduna - ASD K-2 Lakewood Elementary
14. Kelly Teahan – School Social Worker

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the proposed update of the Strategic Plan, as presented by the Superintendent.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by J. Otteman, that the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Resolution Designating the District's Election Representative and Candidates be adopted after having been considered in public meetings in May 2025 to designate Randy Schipper and Darrin Duistermars as the district's election representative and alternate, respectively, and Jennifer Cymbola, Rick Dernberger, and John Siemion as the district's choice of candidates.

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

Nays: R. Schipper

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the settlement agreement discussed in closed session, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE
(regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

Approval of Proposed
Update Strategic Plan

Adoption of
Ottawa Area Intermediate
School District Resolution
Designating District's Election
Representative and Candidates

Approval of Settlement
Agreement

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Resolution be adopted as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board consider for a 30 day review, iReady Classroom Math for grades 6-8, in order to complete vertical alignment of math curriculum in grades K-8. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

1. March 13 – 15, 2026 – West Ottawa Middle School 8th Grade History on a field trip to Washington DC August 12 - 15, 2024 – Girl's Cross Country to the Team Training Camp in Charlevoix, Petoskey, or Harbor Springs, MI

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

The Board provided an opportunity for communications, during which D. Duistermars recognized two students for their exceptional performances at the recent jazz concert and middle school play.

The annual Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at **6:00 p.m.**, followed by the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by L. Rutan, that the meeting adjourn at 7:52 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Otteman, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution

Approval of iReady Classroom Math

Approval of Travel Application

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

(regarding items not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 6/16/25

Budget Hearing, 6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT