

### **2024-2025 Budget Hearing**

President C. Lebster called the budget hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. and turned it over to Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations, Chris LaHaie. Mr. LaHaie discussed the L-4029 millage rates, student enrollment history, the 2024-2025 final budget, and provided an overview of the proposed 2025-2026 budgets: general fund operating budget, fiduciary fund budget, food service fund budget, and repair and improvement (aka “sinking”) fund budget.

### **Regular Meeting - June 16, 2025**

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.

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

Members Absent: J. Otteman (*with notice*)

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by C. Martinez, that the minutes from the May 19, 2025, work session and regular meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 6-0-0.

The Associate Superintendent for Innovation and 6-12 Instruction, Todd Tulgestke, presented on the use of AI for both students and staff. He also discussed WOPS’ AI principles, beliefs, and guidelines. Additionally, he mentioned the district-wide licenses, teacher training sessions, and AI tools and resources available for students.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- Spring Awards: The music department received recognition from NAMM, Mike Hamman was awarded a Grammy, the Girls Tennis team were OK Red Champions, the Rugby team reached the State Finals, and the Girls Track team placed 3rd in the state. Additionally, Niche.com rated WOVA as the top online school in the state.
- Summer planning
- 8th Grade EOY dance

### **2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

District AI Guidelines  
Update/Review

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent’s Update

L. Rutan reported the Secondary Instruction & Innovation committee met on June 3 and discussed the following: Global initiatives—France & Spain trips and Spain visitors, Panther Fund Partnership w/ WOEF, AI pilot class, and the MS iReady teacher training.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Secondary Instruction & Innovation

D. Duistermars reported that the Elementary Curriculum & Instruction committee met on June 2 to discuss the following: Elementary enrollment and Bookworms PD.

Elementary Curriculum & Instruction

C. Martinez provided an update indicating that the HR & Wellness Committee convened on June 5 and discussed the following: Elementary interventions, mentoring & support program, and evaluation & needed training.

HR & Wellness

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 M. Remenschneider, that an administrative contract for the 2025-2026 school year be awarded to the following:

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of Administrative Contracts

1. Rob Egeler – Technology Director
2. Rakendra Davis - High School Assistant Principal

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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

Approval of Probationary Contracts

1. Aiden Jacobson - Mac Bay Science Teacher
2. Liz (Elizabeth) Ball - Mac Bay Math Teacher
3. Toni Poulos - Riley Farms - 2nd Grade Teacher
4. Sarah Brumels - High School Math
5. Isaiah Hicks - HS IRR Teacher
6. Lillian Minnebo - HS Science Teacher
7. Gloria Thomas - GSRP Teacher
8. Clife Metcaf - MS & HS Band

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by C. Martinez, that the proposed meal prices for the 2025-2026 school year be approved as presented and recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 6-0-0.

2025-2026 Meal Prices

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the 2025 L-4029 millage rates as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Approval of the L-4029

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the final budget amendments to the 2024-2025 General Fund, Food Service Fund, Fiduciary Fund and Repair and Improvement (aka Sinking) Fund income and appropriations be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the 2025-2026 General Fund Operating Budget, Fiduciary Fund Budget, Food Service Fund Budget, and Repair and Improvement (Sinking) Fund Budget resolutions be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

Moved by C. Martinez, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the purchase of playground equipment from Sinclair Recreation in the amount of \$86,605, as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Elementary Playground Structures

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by M. Remenschneider, that the Board approve the purchase of copy machines from Xerox in the amount of \$108,324, as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 6-0-0.

District Copy Machines

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the 5 year contract, including all licenses and materials for iReady Classroom Math grades 6-8, for an amount not to exceed \$225,000, as presented by the Associate Superintendent for Secondary Instruction & Innovation. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Middle School Math Curriculum

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that the 2025-2026 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Resolution be approved as presented.

Approval of  
2025-2026 MHSAA  
Membership Resolution

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6-0-0.

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. **June 25 & 26, 2025** – Football team on a WO Tough Football Overnight Camp at the West Ottawa High School
2. **August 1 – 3, 2025** – WO Cheer Team to the Cheer Camp Core Athletics event at GVSU, in Allendale, MI
3. **September 10 – 19, 2025** – WO Global Initiatives Sister School Exchange to Vordingborg, Denmark

Motion carried 6-0-0.

The audience was given an opportunity to communicate about any items, but there was no response.

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duistermars highlighted the enjoyable Mac Bay Spring Fling family event. L. Rutan congratulated all the retirees, expressing gratitude for their dedication and outstanding work, and extended best wishes for their new adventures.

The next meeting is the fiscal organizational/regular meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools' Administration Office.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried 6-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)**

Approval of  
Travel Applications

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

Communications from  
the Audience  
(regarding any items)

Board Communications

Next Meeting 7/1/25:  
Fiscal Organizational / Regular  
Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Otteman, Secretary