

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: C. Lebster, J. Otteman, L. Rutan, M. Remenschneider, D. Duistermars, R. Schipper and C. Martinez. Superintendent T. Bearden was also present.

Members Absent: None.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by C. Martinez, that the minutes for the August 18, 2025 Regular Board 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 updated the Board on WO Partnerships and athletics.

Student Senate Executive President Fatima reported the following:

- Panthers and Global Partners
- HOCO
- Sports
- Work in progress

Nicole Walworth informed the Board of the Book Mobile success and recognized the Transportation Directors and the crew who helped make it possible.

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that a probationary contract for the 2025-26 school year be awarded to the following:

1. Cory Robinson - Music (K-5 Great Lakes & Los Lagos)
2. Nancy Patrick - Kindergarten - Shared Time (0.5) Corpus Christi
3. Marissa Kavanaugh - K-8 Music - Shared Time (0.47) Corpus Christi

Motion carried 7-0-0.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

Book Mobile

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE
AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of
Probationary Contracts

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the Harbor Lights library furniture package for an amount not to exceed \$189,305, as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

HL Library Furniture
Purchase

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the Macatawa Bay library and student lounge furniture package for an amount not to exceed \$227,988, as recommended by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

MB Furniture
Purchase

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

Travel Applications

1. **October 10 – 11, 2025** – WO Varsity Volleyball to the Beast of the East Volleyball Tournament in Livonia, Michigan
2. **October 16 – 18, 2025** – West Ottawa Men's Varsity Tennis Team to the MHSAA State Finals in Midland, Michigan
3. **October 31 – November 1, 2025** – High School Men's Cross-Country Team to State Finals at International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan
4. **January 15 – 18, 2026** – Model United Nations to MUN UM in Ann Arbor, Michigan
5. **March 15, 2026** – Model United Nations to MSU MUN in East Lansing, Michigan
6. **April 29 – May 1, 2025** – Great Lakes Elementary 5th Grade Class to Camp Henry in Newaygo, Michigan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

Opportunity was given for communications from the Board. D. Duisternars, C. Lebster, and C. Martinez commented about our Japanese Students visiting and events.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The next regular meeting will be on October 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

NEXT MEETING 10/20/25

Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Otteman, Secretary