

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 Remenschneider 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.

Melody Holmes and students presented on the Barcelona, Spain Exchange experiences.

Superintendent Bearden reported on the following:

- District events & performances
- Cynthia Martinez shout out—Screening her film in Texas

Student Senate Representative Riley Jernigan shared the following:

1. WOSTOCK
2. Spring Sports
3. Express Advising
4. Inclusion Week
5. Middle School Polar Plunge
6. March is Reading Month

R. Schipper reported the Finance and Facilities committee discussed the following items during its March 11 meeting: monthly financial reports, economic / financial updates, action items, and district updates.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order

**ROUTINE BUSINESS**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval to  
Agenda

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Spain Sister School  
Exchange  
Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Facilities

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

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the following probationary contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year:

**ACTION ITEMS**  
Probationary Contract

- Christie Berkompas - Elementary Special Education Teacher

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by C. Lebster, that the Board approve the purchase and installation of shatterproof safety film at Lakeshore, Pine Creek, and Sheldon Woods Elementary schools for an amount not to exceed \$84,344, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Shatterproof  
Safety Film

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the purchase and installation of hallway, corridor, offices, library and other ancillary spaces elementary furniture for an amount not to exceed \$264,441, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Additional Ele-  
mentary  
Furniture  
Purchase

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board approve the purchase of a Kubota Utility Tractor for an amount not to exceed \$62,343, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Utility Tractor  
Purchase

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the purchase and installation for Dak Sound in the main gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, cafeteria, weight room and fitness room for an amount not to exceed \$420,609, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

North High  
School

Moved by C. Martinez, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve Superintendent Tim Bearden's contract extension through the year 2030. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Approval of  
Superinten-  
dent Con-  
tract Extension

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:

Approval of  
Travel Applications

1. **March 20 & 21, 2026** - Women's Varsity Tennis to the Utica Eisenhower Tournament in Shelby Twp., Michigan
2. **April 24 & 25, 2026** - Women's Varsity Tennis to the Utica Eisenhower Tournament in Shelby Twp., Michigan
3. **April 24 & 25, 2026** - West Ottawa Science Olympiad to the State of Michigan Science Olympiad Tournament in East Lansing, Michigan
4. **April 24 - 29, 2026** - WO DECA Chapter to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia
5. **May 28 - 30, 2026** - Women's Varsity Tennis to State Finals in Midland, Michigan

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

C. Martinez, M. Remenschneider, D. Duistermars, R. Schipper, and C. Lebster acknowledged recent and future district events.

The next regular meeting is April 20, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Lebster, that the meeting adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**  
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM**  
**THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items  
not on the agenda)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 4/20/26**  
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Otteman, Secretary