

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

Members Absent: none

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Lebster, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, work session and regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Lakewood Elementary students presented information regarding their participation in the Michigan Design Challenge and shared project ideas, learning experiences, and solution.

Superintendent T. Bearden provided district updates, including ongoing initiatives and events.

Student Senate Representative Riley Jernigan reported on the following:

- Prom
- Decision Day
- Earth Week

L. Rutan reported the Instructional Services committee met on April 3 and discussed the following items: Middle school partnership with Outdoor Discovery Center, high school outdoor education, Teacher PD and testing, Dunes Outdoor Ed & community partnerships.

D. Duistermars reported the Elementary Curriculum & Instruction committee met on April 13 and discussed the following items: Strategic solutions, pilot programs, Book-worms PD.

J. Otteman reported the Finance & Operations committee met on April 15 and discussed the following: Monthly financials, market rates, inflation, financial earnings, custodial contract, construction projects, and action items.

C. Lebster reported the HR & Communications committee met on April 2 and discussed the following: Teacher support, Grow Your Own initiative, enhanced college advising support, recruitment & retention, and negotiations.

**REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS

Michigan Design Challenge
Idea

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secondary Curriculum,
Instruction & Innovation

Elementary Curriculum
& Instruction

Finance & Operations

HR & Wellness

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Opportunity was provided for public comment regarding agenda items. Four individuals addressed the Board concerning the Los Lagos Bilingual Academy playground and suggested upgrades.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the package of renovations and improvements to Los Lagos Bilingual Academy during 2026 and 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$8,378,413, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Lebster, that the Board approve the purchase of up to four (4) new 2026 GMC Sierra pickups for an amount not to exceed \$210,320, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchase of acoustical shells and risers at Harbor Lights Middle School for an amount not to exceed \$57,216, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the purchase of an autonomous athletic field painter for an amount not to exceed \$36,261, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by R. Schipper, that the Board approve the purchase of student Chromebook computers for an amount not to exceed \$561,780, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the purchase of Lightspeed classroom audio systems for an amount not to exceed \$120,510, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

- **May 2 & 3, 2026** - Rugby Team to the Rugby Midwest Tournament in Elkhart, IN
- **July 11 - 14, 2026** - WOHS Men's Cross-Country Team to the 4th Annual Summer Retreat in Bear Lake, MI

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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

ACTION ITEM
**Los Lagos Addition &
Improvements**

**District Maintenance
Truck Purchase**

**Harbor Lights Acoustical
Shells & Risers**

**Autonomous Athletic Field
Painter**

Student Chromebook Device

**Lightspeed Classroom Sound
System**

**Approval of
Travel Applications**

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

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C. Martinez and D. Duistermars shared comments about WO events.

The next work session is May 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 7:54 p.m.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

FUTURE CONSIDERATION

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items
not on the agenda)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

NEXT MEETING 5/18/26

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Otteman, Secretary