

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 M. Remenschneider 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 C. Martinez, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Superintendent Tulgestke recognized and thanked Jessica Rios and Kristin Graham for their outstanding efforts in preparing for the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) On-Site Review, which resulted in highly successful outcomes for the District.

Pam Schwallier provided a brief overview of the grant, recognized the program graduates and their accomplishments, and shared the District's hope that this investment will have a positive and lasting impact on students and the broader community in alignment with the District's Strategic Plan.

Student Senate Representative Riley Jernigan was recognized for her many accomplishments and thanked for her exceptional leadership and service as the Student Senate Representative to the West Ottawa Board of Education during the 2025-26 school year. The Board extended its best wishes for her future endeavors.

Associate Superintendent Todd Tulgestke provided the Board with updates on recent and upcoming district events.

Student Senate Representative Riley Jernigan reported on the following student activities and events:

- Senior Breakfast and Elementary Walkthroughs
- Convocation
- Graduation
- Junior Takeover

Riley also introduced next year's Student Senate Executive President, Emery Lantz, and expressed her appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve as Student Senate Representative.

Kim Frisinger and participating students presented on their experiences with the France Exchange Program and educational trip.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RECOGNITION**

Jessica Rios & Kristin  
Graham – MDE  
On-Site Review

Class of 2026 WMU  
TESOL Grow Your Own  
Grads

Student Senate  
Representative

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Superintendent's Update

Student Senate Update

France Sister School  
Exchange Program

C. Lebster provided a report on the May 13 Finance Committee meeting. Topics discussed included the monthly financial statements, the School Aid Budget, legislative updates, investment earnings, the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD) Annual Budget, the L-4029 Tax Rate Request, and related action items.

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

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by R. Schipper, that a probationary contract be awarded to the following for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Dolores Chanthavong - Los Lagos K
- Grace McFall - Social Studies - Harbor Lights
- Adolfo Magarin - EL Teacher - High School
- Marshall Bailey - Industrial Technology - High School

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Martinez, that the Board approve the purchase of elementary computer lab furniture for an amount not to exceed \$227,498, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Moved by C. Martinez, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchase of District playground mulch for an amount not to exceed \$54,854, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by L. Rutan, that the Board approve the purchase of a new walk-in freezer & cooler for an amount not to exceed \$113,628, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by C. Lebster, supported by D. Duistermars, that the Board approve the resurfacing of the middle and high school tennis courts for an amount not to exceed \$119,996, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by J. Otteman, that the Board approve the purchase of replacement furniture for DUNES for an amount not to exceed \$216,875, as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and Operations  
Report

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM  
THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding agenda items)

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of  
Probationary Contracts

Elementary Computer  
Lab Furniture Pur-  
chase

Playground Mulch  
Purchase

South High School  
Walk-In Cooler /  
Freezer

Tennis Court Resur-  
facing

DUNES Furniture  
Purchase

Moved by D. Duistermars, supported by L. Rutan, that the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District 2026-2027 General Fund Budget Resolution be adopted as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0-0.

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by C. Martinez, that the 2026-2027 Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution be approved as presented.

Motion carried 7-0-0.

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:

- June 12 - 19, 2026 – West Ottawa Wild (6<sup>th</sup> grade students) on a leadership experience trip to Emigrant, Montana

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 Board communications. During this time, D. Duistermars recognized and commended the Tulip Time Marching Band for its outstanding representation of the District and also acknowledged the success of the recent Jazz Band Concert.

The annual Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, June 18, 2026, 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 C. Martinez, that the meeting adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Adoption of OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution

Approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution

Approval of Travel Application

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

(regarding items not on the agenda)

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEXT MEETING 6/18/26**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Otteman, Secretary