WEST OTTAWA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Work Session

Approved Minutes
September 21, 2026

REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER

A special work session of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at West Ottawa Public Schools' Administration Office, 1138 136th Avenue.

ROLL CALL

President Remenschneider administered the roll call.

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

Members Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Otteman, supported by L. Rutan, that the minutes from the August 17, 2026, Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INFORMATION ITEMS
Aquatic & Community Center Site Visit

The Board and Cabinet conducted a site visit at the Aquatic & Community Center to receive a progress update on construction.

Re-imagining Education

Superintendent Bearden presented an overview of the WO-X program structure for Grades 6–12. The presentation detailed the curriculum models for both middle school and high school, highlighting the use of 2-hour interdisciplinary blocks (such as STEM/Humanities pairings) across middle school grade levels.

COMMUNICDATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
(Regarding agenda items)

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

COMMUNICDATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
(Regarding items not on the agenda)

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

NEXT MEETING 09/21/26
Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting is a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. following this special work session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Rutan, supported by D. Duistermars, that the work session adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Otteman, Secretary