

**Okemos Board of Education**  
**Okemos, Michigan 48864**  
**REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 6:00 p.m.

Call To Order

Members Present: Tom Buffett and Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

MOVED by Andy Phelps SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote

Tom Buffett	Yes	Melanie Lynn	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andrew Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Jayme Taylor	Yes
Shulawn Doxie	Yes		

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:02 p.m.

The board reconvened from executive session at 7:56 p.m.

Reconvene

Members Present: Tom Buffett and Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor  
Administrators: Superintendent John Hood

Jan Casey and Tim Potter addressed the board regarding student and traffic safety.

Citizens Address  
Agenda & Non-  
Agenda Items

High School Student Representatives reported on the following: recent homecoming activities; the German Student Exchange and hosting; an athletic update; and upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

Student  
Representative

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Tom Buffett that the board approve the employment of Alexia Mansour, 2nd Grade Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 1, Division I of the teacher salary schedule, effective October 9, 2023 in accordance with sections 1230 (2) and 1230 a (2) of the Revised School Code conditioned upon receipt of acceptable criminal history checks and criminal records checks.

Employment -  
Certified

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board accept the audit report of Maner & Costerisan P.C. for the 2022-2023 school year.

Acceptance of  
Audit Report

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Tom Buffett, SUPPORTED by Shulawn Doxie that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution authorizing and directing the superintendent to sign the settlement documents pertaining to the Altria litigation and accept the settlement amount.

Roll Call Vote

Tom Buffett	Yes	Melanie Lynn	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andrew Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Jayne Taylor	Yes
Shulawn Doxie	Yes		

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Jayme Taylor, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the superintendent evaluation.

Closed Session

Roll Call Vote

Tom Buffett	Yes	Melanie Lynn	Yes
Katie Cavanaugh	Yes	Andrew Phelps	Yes
Mary Gebara	Yes	Jayne Taylor	Yes
Shulawn Doxie	Yes		

AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:15 p.m.

The board reconvened from executive session at 9:50 p.m.

Reconvene

Members Present: Tom Buffett and Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood

There were no public comments.

Public Comment

President Gebara adjourned the regular meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Adjourn

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Jayne Taylor, Secretary