

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 6:02 p.m.	Call To Order
Members Present: Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Andy Phelps and Jayme Taylor	
Members Absent: Tom Buffett	
Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; HR Director Mario Martinez; Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz	
OHS Band Director Mark Stice presented information regarding a band student trip to Hawaii, proposed for March 20 - 27, 2025. Fundraising and scholarship opportunities were reviewed.	Band Trip
Members inquired about the number of participants, and the bid process.	
Orchestra Director Justin Valla presented information regarding a student trip to Chicago proposed for May 2-3rd, 2025. Fundraising and scholarship opportunities were reviewed.	Orchestra Trip
Transportation Director Corrinne Karpinski presented information regarding the purchase of two buses to be funded by the 2022 Bond. The bid process through the MSBO purchasing program was reviewed, and it was noted that the new buses meet the same specifications as current buses.	Bus Purchase
Members inquired about purchase schedule.	
No one addressed the board.	Citizens Address Agenda & Non- Agenda Items
Superintendent Hood reported on the following: End of year activities; recent CMS groundbreaking event and current bond work; upcoming meeting with Meridian Township regarding the Senior Center; water quality testing communication; revised start times memo follow up; and the Protect The Pack event on Wednesday, June 12 th .	Superintendent Report
Members acknowledged the sponsors of the Protect The Pack event.	
President Gebara acknowledged correspondence from the following: Alex Sacalis concerning the student code of conduct policy; Hanne Hoffmann regarding school start times; Mason Cajka regarding the Filter First Act; Marlene Stover concerning a proposed marijuana dispensary; and John Maxwell concerning dead branches on the sidewalk.	Board Reports & Request
Members reported on the following: Okemos Alumni author's recent novel; start times planning meeting and ideas for county and state-wide advocacy and engaging the Okemos community; Board operating procedures update; and a fields at CMS update.	
MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board approve items 1 through 3 for immediate implementation and appropriate action. Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2024; Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024; Item 3: Acknowledge receipt of the May financial statement and approve payment of bills for May.	Consent Agenda

AYE: 6 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

Member Tom Buffett arrived at 6:35 p.m.

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Tom Buffett that the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution permitting Okemos Public Schools to continue membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the year August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

MHSAA
Membership

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 Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board adopt the new textbooks and materials for use at Okemos High School beginning with the 2024-2025 school year: AP Biology - Biology for the AP Course; AP Environmental Science - Environmental Science for the AP Course; Precalculus Honors - Mathematics for Calculus, 8th Edition; World History - World History & Geography; and AP Psychology - Myers' Psychology for the AP Course.

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

MOVED by Shulawn Doxie, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board waive the reading and certify collection of summer tax levy for Okemos Public Schools in the amount specified by the tax levy provided by the Ingham Intermediate School District and negotiation of the fee for collection of the tax levy.

Certify Summer
Tax

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 Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Shulawn Doxie that the board waive the reading and adopt final reading of board policies 5714.01 Behavioral Threat Assessment; 5206 Student Discipline; 5206A Discipline - Due Process; 5206B Discipline - Students with Disabilities; 5206C Discipline - Reinstatement Following Expulsion; 5206D Discipline - Enrollment Following Misconduct at Another Public or Nonpublic School; and 5206E Discipline - Suspension from Class, Subject, or Activity by Teacher.

Board Policy
Final Reading

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

MOVED by Shulawn Doxie, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board waive the reading and adopt first reading of board policies 2203 Authority to Establish Curriculum; 2502 Board Meeting Agenda 2503A Adequate Information to Proceed 2504 Public Participation at Board Meetings 3304 Use of District Property 3402 Drills, Plans, and Reports 4203-AG Corporal Punishment and Limited Use of Reasonable Force 4210 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; Tobacco Product Restrictions 4223 Resignation 4305 Michigan Paid Medical Leave Act (MPMLA) 4406 Professional Improvement Sabbaticals 4505 Reduction and Recall 5202 Unlawful Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Against Students 5207 Anti-Bullying Policy 5210 GPS Tracking Device with Audio Surveillance Capabilities 5302 Enrollment in Kindergarten 5303 Student Enrollment and Withdrawal 5305 Schools-of-Choice 5308 Protection of Pupil Rights 5309 Student Records and Directory Information 5401 Parent/Guardian Involvement in Education 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development 5409 Academic Credits 5410 Commencement/Completion Ceremony 5411 Student Promotion, Retention, and Placement 5413 Senior Recognition 5417 Homework 5418 Grades 5419 Reading Assessments, Instruction, Intervention, and Retention 5420 Sex Education 5421 Work-Based Learning Experience 5502 Student Government 5507 Extracurricular Activities 5508 Extracurricular and Athletic Trips 5601 Special Education 5604 Student Assistance Process 5704 Student Insurance 5706 Opioid Antagonist 5707 School Wellness Policy 5708-AG Do Not Resuscitate Orders 5710 Student Suicide Prevention.

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

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board approve the employment of Colleen Gast, Speech & Language Pathologist for the District, at Step 10, Division III; Sarah Hoback, Science Teacher at Chippewa Middle School at Step 5, Division II; and Katherine Tonnos, Science Teacher at Chippewa Middle School at Step 12, Division II of the teacher salary schedule, effective August 12, 2024 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**

High School Representative reported on the following: recent final exams and studying at Okemos Library; recent student government selections; Homecoming theme and Grand Marshall Matt Ottinger; summer practice for athletics; Okemos Outreach trip to Chicago and fundraiser; Football, band and cheer appreciation of stadium improvements; and recent graduation ceremony.

High School
Student Report

The board continued its discussion regarding the development of the 2024-2024 budget. Director Lentz provided a brief update including revised projections for increased textbook cost and the purchase of new wrestling mats; one-time offsets; and the remaining impending item of state aid. The next board meeting will include the budget truth and taxation hearing and taking action on the 24-25 budget.

24-25 Budget
Development

Members inquired to the process for prioritizing wrestling mats.

There was no public comment.

Public Comment

Member Taylor inquired about the status of special education funding.

Other Matters

The board took a five-minute recess beginning at 7:10 p.m.

6-10-2024

The board entered into a work session with MASB Consultant Yvonne Caamal-Canul for the purpose of discussing board governance. The work session included a summary of recent board interviews, as well as recommendations and provided clarity on board governance, lanes of authority, roles and governing structure.

Work Session

President Gebara adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Andy Phelps, Secretary