

**Okemos Board of Education  
Okemos, Michigan 48864  
SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 2, 2023**

The special 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, Shulawn Doxie, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

Members Absent: Katie Cavanaugh

Administrators: Superintendent John Hood; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey; Director Lara Slee

Member Cavanaugh arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Members discussed information regarding the Delegation of Authority inspection requirements. The board is being asked to complete the annual application designating a local inspector, Meridian Township to be the primary inspector for upcoming bond projects, building and renovations. Next steps were described including the Meridian Township board will also need to take action. Delegation of Authority

No one addressed the board. Citizens Address  
Agenda & Non-  
Agenda Items

MOVED by Andy Phelps, SUPPORTED by Tom Buffett that the board award the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid submitted by LaFontaine CDJR not to exceed \$58,391 to be funded by the Food Services budget. Food Service  
Purchase

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

MOVED by Tom Buffett, SUPPORTED by Shulawn Doxie that the board award the purchase of new weight room equipment for Chippewa Middle School to American Home Fitness, not to exceed \$73,243 funded by the 2019 bond. Operations  
Purchase

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

MOVED by Shulawn Doxie, SUPPORTED by Jayme Taylor that the board award the purchase of flexible furniture for the following: Bennett Woods Elementary, not to exceed \$57,300.50; Central Montessori, not to exceed \$42,583.96; and Cornell Elementary School, not to exceed \$72,356.46 to Demco and to be funded by the 2019 bond. Flexible  
Furniture  
Purchases

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

MOVED by Jayme Taylor, SUPPORTED by Katie Cavanaugh that the board approve the employment of Breanna Roberts, ELL Teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 8, Division I; Natalie Sears, Band Teacher at Kinawa at Step 10, Division II; and Wallace Woodman, Special Education Teacher at Kinawa at Step 15, Division III of the teacher salary schedule, effective August 14, 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**

The board entered into a work session for the purpose of discussing district initiatives and priorities. Priorities included topics such as: MTSS outcomes, policy implementation, bond work, threat assessment process, school start times, leadership development and more. The integration of priorities and the strategic plan was reviewed. The Strategic Plan's Operational Plan was examined in detail. The Operational Plan includes specific objectives and the accomplished and planned evidence of completing the objective.

There were no other matters.

Other Matters

President Gebara adjourned the special meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Adjourn

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Jayne Taylor, Secretary