

Okemos Board of Education Okemos, Michigan 48864
SPECIAL MEETING September 17, 2024

The special meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by President Gebara at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Buffett, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, and Andy Phelps

Members Absent: Shulawn Doxie and Jayme Taylor

Administration: Superintendent John Hood; High School Administration

Other: Attorney Jennifer Starlin; Student 2024-2025-01; Parent of Student 2024-2025-01

There was no public comment.

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Melanie Lynn that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(b) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of conducting a hearing to consider the discipline of a student whose identity is known to the board.

Roll Call Vote

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

AYE: 5 NAY:0 ABSENT 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

The board adjourned to executive session at 6:12 p.m.

The board reconvened from executive session at 8:53 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Buffett, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, and Andy Phelps

Members Absent: Shulawn Doxie and Jayme Taylor

Administration: Superintendent John Hood; High School Administration

Other: Attorney Jennifer Starlin; Student 2024-2025-01; Parent of Student 2024-2025-01

MOVED by Melanie Lynn, SUPPORTED by Andy Phelps that the board permanently expel student 2024-2025-01 from Okemos High School with the possibility of reinstatement no sooner than the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call Vote

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

AYE: 5 NAY:0 ABSENT 2 **MOTION CARRIED**

President Gebara adjourned the special meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Andy Phelps, Secretary