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7:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA
Monday, September 12, 2022

Community Conference Rm

CALL TO ORDER

Dean Bolton, Katie Cavanaugh, Mary Gebara, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Andrew Phelps and Jayme Taylor

WELCOME AND MEETING FORMAT

Welcome to this regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education held in public for the purpose of conducting the business of the school board.

There are two opportunities for public comment: Citizens who wish to address agenda or non-agenda items will have an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting, as well as near the end of the meeting. In-person individuals who wish to address the board must complete a blue form, located with the agendas near the room entrance, and present it to the board's secretary prior to the start of the agenda item. Virtual participants must submit their name and address in a message through the chat box located in Zoom's meeting controls prior to the start of the agenda item.

At the appropriate point in the agenda, the board president will call upon individuals who have submitted a blue card or chat message and that individual's microphone will be un-muted for their comments.

DISCUSSION MOVED FORWARD – Student Trip

Okemos High School English Teacher Amy Huntley will present information regarding a student trip proposed for October 2022 to Stratford, Ontario.

Adequate Information to Proceed

Board policy 8344.1 Adequate Information to Proceed indicates that it is the policy of the board not to take action on an item the first time it is brought to the attention of the board at a public meeting.

That the board waive policy 8344.1 requirements and take action to expedite the approval of the student trip.

PRESENTATION: OPM & Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center Collaboration

Representatives from Okemos Public Montessori and Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center will share highlights from their 2021-22 partnership, which was sponsored by the Okemos Education Foundation. Students in grades 3 and 4 learned about the history and traditions of the Anishinaabe people of the Great Lakes region in Michigan.

PRESENTATION: Bond Update

Superintendent Hood will provide an update regarding the 2022 Bond and where the community can find information related to that ballot initiative.

CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

At this time in the meeting, citizens have an opportunity to address the board regarding items of interest that that may or may not be part of the evening's agenda. Citizens are required to limit comments to three minutes, except when this requirement is waived by the board president during the meeting. A designated timekeeper will communicate to the individual who is addressing the board at three minutes. The board highly values public comment and input; however, the board meeting format is designed to facilitate the evening's agenda and,

therefore, restricts board members from engaging in conversation with speakers or immediately responding to questions. Questions and concerns may be addressed by the board later in the agenda and may be assigned for follow-up by the board or superintendent at a later date.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/REQUESTS

The superintendent will highlight events and issues of interest and take questions from the board.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

The board will acknowledge receipt of correspondence.

Individual board members may highlight other events and issues of interest and request follow-up on other matters of concern.

ACTION ITEMS

Within Action Items, there is a Consent Agenda to expedite the business of the board which groups a number of items together to be dealt with by one action of the board. However, items in the consent agenda may be extracted by individual board member request for further discussion or clarification.

CONSENT AGENDA

In an effort to expedite the business of the board of education, but in no way meant to diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been developed.

That the board approve items 1 through 3 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.
Item 1: Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 17, 2022; Item 2: Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of August 17, 2022; Item 3: Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 31, 2022.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

The Other Action Items require additional discussion prior to board action.

Certification of Winter Tax

Tax bills are sent out by Meridian and Alaiedon townships and the City of Lansing twice a year: half for summer taxes and the balance for the winter tax. Williamstown Township collects school taxes during the winter only.

That the board certify the following winter tax rates for collection on behalf of Okemos Public Schools from Meridian Township, Alaiedon Township, and the City of Lansing of 9 mills non-homestead, 3.5 mills debt, and .4925 sinking fund mills; and from Williamstown Township of 18 mills non-homestead, 7 mills debt, and .9850 sinking fund mills. (Roll Call Vote).

Employment - Certified

The hiring of all certified employees must be approved by the board of education; employment of support staff shall be in accordance with school district policy.

That the board approve the employment of Becky Krawczyk, School Psychologist for the District at Step 15, Division III of the teacher salary schedule, effective September 26, 2022 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.

Student Trip

High School English students have the opportunity to travel to Stratford, Ontario with their teachers and chaperones as part of a language and cultural experience.

That the board endorse the OHS English student trip to Stratford, Ontario, scheduled for October 20, 2022 with the understanding the students will abide by all school policies and procedures while abroad.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discussion items are intended to provide an opportunity for review of material and interaction concerning the individual items. Action is not taken during the board meeting. Discussion items may be acted upon by the Board of Education at a later date. The board president may move a discussion item forward in the meeting agenda to facilitate timely discussion and/or community input on that discussion item.

MASB Delegates

The board will discuss the MASB Fall conference for the purpose of determining the representatives to the delegate assembly and who will attend.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- At this time in the meeting, citizens have an opportunity to address the board regarding any item(s) of interest. Individual comments at this time will be limited to three minutes but may be extended at the discretion of the board president. A designated timekeeper will communicate to the individual who is addressing the board at three minutes. The board highly values public comment; however, our meeting format does not allow the board to engage in conversation with speakers. Questions or concerns may be assigned for follow-up by the board or the administration at a later date.

OTHER MATTERS

Reminder: September 28th Superintendent Eval Check-In

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Additional Enclosures