

Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING September 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by Vice-President Phelps at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Andy Phelps, Katie Cavanaugh, Jason Burns, Leeni Shrestha, Shulawn Doxie, and Jillian Winn
Members Absent: Tom Buffett
Administration: Superintendent Matt Olson, Interim Finance Director Jen Shattuck, Athletic Director Ken Hintze

Mission Minute: Around the Pack: Vice-President Andy Phelps highlighted the school year getting off to a great start, along with several well attended events.

Superintendent Matt Olson provided information for the Okemos High School Baseball Spring Training Trip proposed for March 24-April 1, 2027, in Ft. Myers, Florida. Athletic Director Ken Hintze and Okemos High School Baseball Head Coach Raul Presas attended to answer questions from the board. There were no questions from the board.

Bond partners presented an update on the 2022 bond and the 2027 pre-bond work. Jon Ackley-Jelinek, Veridus, Ashley Dunnebak, TowerPinkster and Rob Crowe, Christman, and Nicole Marques, Veridus presented updates on owner-directed work, general, design milestone, and construction. The Steering Committee for the 2027 Bond has been established and will hold the first meeting, September 16, 2026 at Chippewa Middle School.

No public comment

Superintendent Olson shared a recap on the first day of school starting off great and being able to be in each building that day as well, attended the Meridian Township meeting and gave an update on Okemos Public Schools; in addition, Supt Olson thanked Nathan Brown for the work being put in on the new superintendent newsletter/video that debuted September 1, 2026, and wrapped up with highlighting the 2027 Bond Steering Committee and the work ahead that is an exciting inflection point of the district.

No board reports

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Jillian Winn, that the Board approve Item 1 for immediate implementation and appropriate action. Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026.

AYE: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

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MOVED by Jillian Winn, SUPPORTED by Shulawn Doxie, that the board waive the reading and ratify the contract between the Okemos Board of Education and the Okemos Transportation Association effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Roll Call

Andrew Phelps	Yes	Jason Burns	Yes
Leeni Shrestha	Yes	Katie Cavanaugh	Yes
Jillian Winn	Yes	Shulawn Doxie	Yes
Tom Buffett	Absent		

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

MOVED by Katie Cavanaugh, SUPPORTED by Jillian Winn, that the board certify the following winter 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 0.4921 sinking fund mills; and from Williamstown Township of 18 mills non-homestead, 7 mills debt, and 0.9841 sinking fund mills.

Roll Call

Andrew Phelps	Yes	Jason Burns	Yes
Leeni Shrestha	Yes	Katie Cavanaugh	Yes
Jillian Winn	Yes	Shulawn Doxie	Yes
Tom Buffett	Absent		

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MASB Fall Conference occurs October 15, 2026 and as part of that, there is a delegate assembly where the MASB decides direction on various areas. Each school district may send up to two delegates, along with having alternate delegates. Katie Cavanaugh and Jason Burns will represent the board as delegates, with Andy Phelps as an alternate delegate.

Year at a Glance Calendar was presented what the board is accomplishing and what administration needs to prepare for. It is used by the Executive Committee to plan the agendas each month as well.

No public comment.

Vice-President Phelps adjourned the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m

Shulawn Doxie, Secretary