



**Commentary on the Board Agenda
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2024
Jenison Center for the Arts
6:30 PM**

Call to Order:

Recognition: Bursley Elementary

Recess:

Reconvene:

Public Comment:

Oath of Office: Partial Term, Jen Postema

Action Items:

1. Board Seat Appointment

- i. Board seat appointment to fill Jen's current 6 year board position

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes:
The November 20, 2023, Board of Education meeting minutes are included for your approval.
- b. Approval of Financial Report
Chris Marcy has provided a memo and last month's financials for your approval.

4. Approval of U-Tech Tuition Rates

We are required to set tuition rates for nonresident students, including those on F-1 visas, based on unsubsidized per capita costs. These costs have not been adjusted in several years, as noted by our federal government representative. It is recommended that the Board establish a tuition rate of up to \$15,000. The calculation of this rate comes from the National Center for Education Statistics (JPS fiscal data) and would cover various enrollment options, including year-long and semester-long



programs for F-1 visa students attending JHS, as well as online courses offered through U-Tech/JIA.

5. Approval of Out of State Travel

Special Olympics North America "Capital Day"
Monday, February 3 - Wednesday, February 5, 2005

Kari Kossen (staff)
Chayce Williams (athlete)
Austin Walendzik (partner)

Travel Details & High Level Overview: Kari, Chayce and Austin will travel with two Special Olympics Michigan staff members as a delegation to Washington DC! There will be Unified Pairs from all over the country joining to meet on Capitol Hill to meet with their state's House of Representatives, Senators, and more to share about the mission and success of Unified Champion Schools in their building. This is a chance for students to share their story in regards to Unified Champion Schools & Special Olympics in general to our state representatives to help give them a better understanding and glimpse into the great work being done in their state each day to support all students!

Expenses: Special Olympics North America will cover all costs for this trip, including travel by plane, lodging, and meals, so there will be no cost to families.

Summary of activities during the event:

Day one: Arrivals, Check-in, Welcome meeting / meet and greet with other delegations from the various states

Day two: Full day of meeting with legislators! Meetings will happen as a delegation

Day three: sight-seeing (if time permits) and departures

6. Approval of Learning A to Z Renewal

We are seeking approval for the extension of instructional web-based contracts from Learning A to Z using 35J literacy grant funding that must be spent in the current school year. The alternative would be to use general funds at the end of the 25-26 school year when the resources are up for renewal.



The contract extension would pay for continued use of the following resources through June of 2028:

Reading A-Z: tools for application of phonics skills, reading passages and fluency work for K - 5th Grades, including intervention and special education access

Vocabulary A-Z: practice tools for K - 2nd Grades

Writing A-Z: our full writing curriculum K - 5th Grades

All of these resources are set to expire in June 2026, but with the 35J literacy grant we are able to do an early two-year extension of our contract which also locks us in at a cheaper rate. Also, by renewing for two years instead of one, we save an additional almost \$10,000. Since the total contract extension cost (to be fully covered by the grant at \$52,637) is above the purchase threshold allowable without board approval, we are bringing this extension approval to the board to lock in the pricing discount required by the vendor by December 15th, 2024.

7. Approval of 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Amendment

The summary and resolution for the 2024/25 General Fund budget amendment is attached for your approval. Explanation of the adjustments are included in the Executive Summary. Chris Marcy will be available to answer any questions. *Roll Call

Discussion Items:

1. Superintendent's Update

District happenings and updates from Superintendent Dr. Brandon Graham.

2. Amanda Peterman Board Recognition

Adjournment:

Closed Session: Property