

**Okemos Board of Education
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2014**

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Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Okemos Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Lynn at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Amy Lothamer, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez, Felix Sharpe and Steve Vagnozzi

Members Absent: Amy Crites

Administrators: Superintendent Catherine Ash, Deputy Superintendent Patricia Trelstad and Finance Director Robert Clark

MOVED by Steve Vagnozzi, SUPPORTED by Amy Lothamer that the board adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Executive Session

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | --- |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Tonya Rodriguez arrived at 6:09 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by Vice President Lynn at 7:00 p.m.

Reconvene

Members Present: Amy Lothamer, Melanie Lynn, Vincent Lyon-Callo, Tonya Rodriguez, Felix Sharpe and Steve Vagnozzi

Members Absent: Amy Crites

Administrators: Superintendent Catherine Ash, Deputy Superintendent Patricia Trelstad and Finance Director Robert Clark

Elementary Principal Tara Fry presented the proposed changes to the elementary student-parent handbook. The handbook revisions include the changes to the section on Rules. Assistant Principal Bob Bullock presented the revisions to the Kinawa and Chippewa Middle School student handbooks for the 2014-2015 school year. The Kinawa handbook revisions include changes to the following sections: Absences, Prohibited Behaviors, Discipline of Students, Early Release Calendar, Field Trips, Health, Recess, Report Cards, Tardiness, and New Trimester Schedule. The Chippewa Middle School handbook changes include an update on applicable dates, restorative justice, board policy #5144, long term suspensions and process, and the addition of Student Learning Device Policy and Procedures. High School Assistant Principal Steve Delp presented the revisions to the Okemos High School Student Handbook. The handbook revisions include changes to the sections on Okemos High School Commencement Code of Conduct, Student Code of Conduct, Offenses, Penalties, and Okemos Public Schools Electronics Acceptable Use Policy & Student Learning Device Policies and Procedures.

Discussion Moved
Forward: K-12th
Grade Student-
Parent Handbooks

Deputy Superintendent Patricia Trelstad and 5th grade teacher Paul Hinze presented a proposal to adopt "SEUP Issue-Oriented" science program for fifth and sixth grades beginning in the fall of 2014. During a previous meeting, the board agreed to utilize proceeds from the sale of the Sandhill property for 5-6 science materials.

Superintendent Ash reported on the following: Michigan Department of Education Focused Monitoring; Diversity Report from 2001; conference call held with other districts regarding the impact of the K-12 funding budget signed by the Governor; and the upcoming election.

Superintendent's
Report

Members that addressed the board included: Andy Manni regarding availability of staff contracts on the Okemos Public Schools website, athletic registration fees and Pre-K programs; Tom Horton with a request for a public hearing on athletic registration fees; and Eric Stelljes regarding athletic registration fees.

Citizens Address
Agenda &
Non-Agenda
Items

Melanie Lynn acknowledged correspondence from the following: David Miles regarding OPS success stories; Chippewa Middle School thanking Devendra Upadhye for the donation of a discounted cello; and received the notes of the June 18th Policy Committee Meeting.

Board Reports &
Requests

Vincent Lyon-Callo reported on his attendance at Deb Borton-McDonough's retirement event.

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Amy Lothamer, that the board approve items 1, 2 and 4 for immediate implementation and appropriate action:
Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2014;
Item 2: Approval of the minutes of the executive session meeting of June 9, 2014;
Item 4: Approved the employments of Tori Benton, 1st-2nd grade teacher at Central Montessori at Step 1, Division I; and Staci Davis, Kindergarten teacher at Hiawatha Elementary at Step 3, Division I of the teacher salary schedule effective August 27, 2014 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.

Consent Agenda

Felix Sharpe requested that Consent Agenda Item #3 be removed from the agenda at this time and added to the agenda of the July board meeting.

Removal of Item
From Agenda

Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the special meeting of June 12, 2014 to be delayed until the July board meeting.

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Steve Vagnozzi that the board waive the reading and ratify the salary and benefits portion of the successor contract between the Okemos Education Association effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015.

Ratification of
Teachers Contract

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Steve Vagnozzi, that the board waive the reading and certify the salary and benefits portion of the successor contract between the Okemos Board of Education and the Association of Okemos Administrators effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Ratification of
AOA Contract

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Vincent Lyon-Callo, that the board waive the reading and ratify the salary and benefits portion of the successor contract between the Okemos Board of Education and the Clerical/Technical Unit effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Ratification of
Secretarial
Contract

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Abstain |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 1 **MOTION CARRIED**

MOVED by Steve Vagnozzi, SUPPORTED by Amy Lothamer, that the board waive the reading and ratify the salary and benefits portion of the successor contract between the Okemos Board of Education and the Custodial/Maintenance/Food Service Units effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Ratification of
Custodial/Food
Service Contract

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Amy Lothamer, that the board waive the reading and ratify the salary and benefits portion of the successor contract between the Okemos Board of Education and the Okemos Transportation Association effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Ratification of
Transportation
Contract

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Steve Vagnozzi, that the board approve the select personnel salary and benefits schedule as documented for the 2014-2015 school year.

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

MOVED by Steve Vagnozzi, SUPPORTED by Amy Lothamer, that the board approve the changes in salary and benefits for central office administrators as documented.

Administrative
Salary
Adjustments

Roll Call

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| Amy Crites | --- | Tonya Rodriguez | Yes |
| Amy Lothamer | Yes | Felix Sharpe | Yes |
| Melanie Lynn | Yes | Steve Vagnozzi | Yes |
| Vincent Lyon-Callo | Yes | | |

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Amy Lothamer, that the Sunday following Memorial Day at the MSU Auditorium at 1:00 pm be established as the consistent date, time and location of Okemos High School commencement ceremonies.

High School
Commencement

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

MOVED by Tonya Rodriguez, SUPPORTED by Steve Vagnozzi, that the board waive the reading and adopt revised board policies: 5144 Student Code of Conduct; 8110 General Powers and Responsibilities of the Board of Education; 8250 Board Member Conflict of Interest; 8400 Board Member Ethics and Responsibilities; 9367 Quorum and Voting Procedures; 9367.1 Right of Dissent; and 9368 Procedures for Meeting.

Board Policies -
Final Reading

No vote was taken at this time.

Members discussed the restorative justice concepts terminology contained in the regulations of the policy. Members agreed to remove the references to restorative justice concepts. A comprehensive presentation regarding the subject was requested.

Members discussed the suspension appeal process as well as revising the policy to add an informal discipline review process for suspensions of 1-2 days by building administration.

MOVED by Steve Vagnozzi, and SUPPORTED by Vincent Lyon-Callo that the board waive the reading and adopt policy 5144 Student Code of Conduct as amended.

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