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7:00 PM

**MEETING AGENDA
Friday, December 17, 2021**

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.

PRESENTATION -

Superintendent Hood and Detective Sergeant Ed Bensonen, Meridian Township Police will present an overview of OPS security measures including how threat assessments are approached and communicated to the community. The process for consideration of additional security measures will also be shared with the Board and community as part of a potential November 2022 bond.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORTS/REQUESTS

The high school student representative 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. The Other Action Items require additional discussion prior to board action.

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 5 for immediate implementation and appropriate action.

This motion, made by {Insert Board Member} and seconded by {Insert Board Member}, {Insert Action Result}.

1. Leave of Absence

The board of education reviews and approves or denies requests for Leave of Absence. The Assistant Superintendent submits a leave of absence report for board approval or denial of requests for leave. The requests for leave of absence have gone through administrative review and meet contractual and/or Family Medical Leave Act requirements. A long-term sub will be hired.

That the board acknowledge receipt of the leave of absence report and approve the requested leave of absence for Breanne Mason, 3rd Grade Teacher at Cornell Elementary for the period of June 1st through June 11, 2021; and Lamanzer Williams, Assistant Principal at Okemos High School for the period of March 14th through June 22, 2021. This motion, made by {Insert Board Member} and seconded by {Insert Board Member}, {Insert Action Result}.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Item 6: Summer Tax Collection

Alaiedon Township, Meridian Township, and the City of Lansing have agreed to collect one-half the total summer property tax located in their respective city or township.

That the board waive the reading and adopt the resolution for collection of summer property tax as appropriate from Alaiedon Township, Meridian Township, and the City of Lansing and to negotiate a reasonable expense for such collection of the district's tax levy. (Roll Call Vote). This motion, made by {Insert Board Member} and seconded by {Insert Board Member}, {Insert Action Result}.

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.

Item 1: 21-22 Budget Revisions and 22-23 Budget Development

Finance Director Elizabeth Lentz will provide information regarding proposed amendments to the 2021-2022 budget for board discussion.

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.

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