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6:30 PM

**MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 9, 2026**

Community Conference Rm

CALL TO ORDER

Tom Buffett, Jason Burns, Katie Cavanaugh, Shulawn Doxie, Andrew Phelps, Leeni Shrestha and Jillian Winn

WELCOME AND MEETING FORMAT (2 Min)

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.

Mission Minute/Around The Pack (5 Min)

An opportunity for individual board members to highlight events, activities, and other items of interest.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORTS/REQUESTS (5 Min)

The high school student representative will highlight events and issues of interest and take questions from the board.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS/REQUESTS (10 Min)

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

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS (10 Min)

The board will acknowledge receipt of correspondence.
Individual board members may request follow-up on other matters of concern.
Board sub-committees may present their reports or deliver updates.

DISCUSSION MOVED FORWARD: Bus Purchase Bid (10 Min)

Director of Transportation Corrinne Karpinski will discuss a bid to purchase a new bus as funded by the 2022 bond.

DISCUSSION MOVED FORWARD: Bid Pack #8 GMP Award Amendment (10 Min)

Superintendent Hood will provide rationale for the replacement of the High School Walk-in Cooler/Freezer to be paid for with funds from the 2022 Bond, from Bid Pack #8 originally approved on February 24, 2025.

That the board authorize the Superintendent to amend the Bid Pack #8 GMP not to exceed \$300,000 to replace the walk-in cooler/freezer at the High School which is at or beyond its useful life.

DISCUSSION MOVED FORWARD: Future Bond Planning (20 Min)

Superintendent Hood will review potential timelines for a future bond for Board consideration.

PRESENTATION: Strategic Planning Mid-Year Survey Data (30 Min)

Superintendent Hood will present survey information regarding strategic planning and provide an update on the progress to Year 1 goals.

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 (5 Min)

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 and 2 for immediate implementation and appropriate action. Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026; Item 2: that the board acknowledge receipt of the January financial statement and approve payment of bills for January.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

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

Montessori School of Choice Openings

The board has reviewed the recommended openings to be advertised for the PPK-8th Public Montessori enrollment in the Okemos Public Schools. If approved, there will be a 15-day window for enrollment.

That the board approve the following recommended number off PPK-8 Public Montessori School-Of-Choice openings for potential enrollment: Kindergarten - 3 openings; Grades 1 and 2 - 4 openings; Grades 3 and 4 - 1 opening; Grade 5 - 1 opening; Grade 7 - 15 openings.

Cornell Abatement Project

Director of Operations Brian Lieber presented a recommendation regarding the Cornell abatement project to be funded by the 2022 bond at the January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting.

That the board approves the Cornell Abatement project and award the contract to GFL and not to exceed \$36,500, funded by the 2022 bond.

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.

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 (5 Min)

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