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7:00 PM **MEETING AGENDA** **Community Conference Rm**
Monday, September 14, 2026

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. 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.

At the appropriate point in the agenda, the board president will call upon individuals who have submitted a blue card to move to the podium for their time to give comment.

MISSION MINUTE/AROUND THE PACK *(5 Min)*

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

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS/OHS BASEBALL TRIP

Information has been provided by Coach Raul regarding a baseball trip to Ft. Myers, FL, March 24–April 1, 2026

PRESENTATIONS: 2022 Bond Update *(10 Min)*

District bond partners will present an overview and update on the 2022 Bond Project.

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 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 with the individual who is addressing the board within 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 REPORT *(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.

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 members' 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 item 1 for immediate implementation and appropriate action. Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2026.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

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

RATIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

The Board of Education has concluded negotiations with the Okemos Transportation Association and has reviewed the final contract language.

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 Vote).

CERTIFICATION OF WINTER TAX

Tax bills are sent out by Meridian and Alaiedon townships and the City of Lansing twice a year: half for summer taxes and the balance for the winter tax. Williamstown Township collects school taxes during the winter only.

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 Vote).

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.

MASB DELEGATES

The board will discuss the MASB Fall conference for the purpose of determining the representatives to the delegate assembly and who will attend.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

The board will discuss the board planning calendar for the year.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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OTHER MATTERS *(5 Min)*

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