

**Watervliet Public Schools
Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education
October 14, 2024
Watervliet High School Media Center
450 East Red Arrow Highway
Watervliet, MI 49098**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Spaulding at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING

Mrs. Morlock-Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Oliphant, Amanda Morlock Fisher, Jim Tyler, Bill Spaulding, Brian Gruszczyk

Members Absent: Carrie Wilder, Kimberly Adams

Others in Attendance: Ric Seager, Deah Muth, Joseph Bergthold, Sherry Wheeler, Brandon Waggoner, Lori Pline, Terry Adams, Heather Cram, Kate Van Lente, Alecia Hickman, John Guilleen, Tiffany Williams, Christa Steadman, and community members.

APPROVAL (and/or) CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Gruszczyk moved that the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Support by Mr. Oliphant. 5-0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Oliphant moved for approval of the agenda for the October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting as presented. Support by Ms. Morlock-Fisher. 5-0.

FINANCE

Budget Review

Examination and Payment of General Fund Bills

Mr. Oliphant moved that General Fund expenses for September 2024 in the amount of \$1,463,609.96 be approved. Noting \$512,278.55 is for payroll-related expenses. Support by Mr. Tyler. 5-0. Motion carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

President Spaulding shared that the Board of Education received a thank you letter from Debby Iliff's Family.

BUSINESS

Personnel Changes

New Hires:

Superintendent Seager shared that Alexandria Howley and Martha Casiano joined the South School Team as paraprofessionals. Stephanie Schuck and Brianna Edmonds joined the Food Service Team. Superintendent Seager shared that Tammey Jackson joined the District as an Elementary Counselor

and Erik Mroczek joined Grace Christian as a Part-Time PE Teacher. Superintendent Seager shared that Dylan Raucci, Jeff Riley, and Tom Golden are joining the MS Basketball Coaching Team.

Resignation:

Superintendent Seager shared that Nancy Scowcroft - Athletics and Curriculum Secretary will be retiring on December 31, 2024.

Policy Update - Title IX Policy Update

Mr. Gruszczyk moved that the Board table the policy changes and reconsider them after the fall election. Support by Ms. Morlock-Fisher. 5-0.

Summer Tax Resolution

Mr. Tyler moved that the Board of Education approve the resolution to collect 100% of local district revenue in the summer 2025 property tax levy, as presented. Support by Mr. Gruszczyk 5-0.

Leave Request

Ms. Morlock-Fisher moved that the Board of Education approve the medical leave request for an employee as presented. Support by Mr. Tyler. 5-0. Motion carried.

Facilities and Bond Dialogue and Discussion

After much Board discussion, President Spaulding recommended moving forward with Option 1(One) with the Board looking for options to add design options.

Any Additional Business

The Board shared appreciation for an amazing Homecoming & yearbook.

BOARD AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CLOSED SESSION - LEGAL CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Mr. Oliphant moved at 6:56 p.m. that the Board convene in closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider an attorney-client privileged communication, that is exempt from public disclosure under Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. Support by Mr. Gruszczyk. 5-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Oliphant moved at 7:35 p.m. that the Board enter back to open session. Support by Mr. Gruszczyk. 5-0. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Mr. Gruszczyk moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Support by Ms. Morlock-Fisher. 5-0. Motion carried.