



9958 East County Road 150 North
Ottwell, IN 47564

Governing Body: Ottwell Miller Academy School Board

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00pm

Place of Meeting: Ottwell Miller Academy, 9958 East County Road 150 North, Ottwell, IN 47564

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the school corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time set aside for patron participation as indicated on the agenda. Patrons are to include community members, parents of students, and staff. Those individuals need to sign in prior to the meeting and include on the sign in sheet what their affiliation is and what they would like to speak to at the meeting, if applicable.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order **Called to order at 6:03 pm**
 - A. Roll Call/Establish a quorum: **August Ubelhor, Travis Troutman (via Google Meet at 6:22), Sherryl Osgatharp, Danielle Houtsch (via Google Meet), Andrea Wiseman (Via Google Meet), Misti Ison, Star Riker, Courtney Huckelby**
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - II. Amendments to the agenda
 - III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Public Participation for Agenda Items Only
 - B. Approval of board minutes for 5/27/26
 - C. Resignations/Terminations: none
 - D. New hires/Position Changes:
 - E. Mileage claims: none
 - F. Leave requests:
 - G. STEM Donation Submissions: Nicole Sutton requesting two plastic storage cases for storing Microbits that she has obtained from attending computer science conferences - with the storage cases, she will be able to label/number each Microbit and assign to students - cost is \$19.05 per case, totaling \$38.10
 - H. Donations:
- Andrea Wiseman motions, August Ubelhor seconds, motion carries unanimously.**
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Expansion plans update
 1. **In order to go further, Gary needs updated plans to assist us monetarily.**
 2. **Look at assembling Building Committee of FoO, School Board, and community members**
 - a) **Travis Troutman, Josh Byrd, Mike Houtsch, Jordan Hill, Gary Sorgius were names thrown out during brain storming session.**
 - B. Doors: Installation portion is completed; will need to contact HiCom for completion of key fobs for end doors
 1. **Finally complete.**
 - C. Financials - not available currently
 - D. Bus Maintenance - July 6th for routine maintenance, brake and kingpin inspection - still need to get bus 6 in for regen issue it's having
 1. **Derek Mehringer coming to us to look over buses.**
 - E. Chromebooks - August's company grant was not available; need to proceed with the purchase of new set so they are ready when school starts
 - V. New Business
 - A. Approval of Student Handbook 2026/2027 - no major changes - recommend changing doors open at 7:30
 - B. Approval of Staff Handbook 2026/2027 - addition of banked days policy; ask about attendance bonus policy (0 days = \$400, 1-2 days = \$300, 2.5-4 days = \$150); possibly look at sign in/sign out for days that staff leaves early/leaves for an appointment
 1. **Addition of Banked Days Policy**
 - C. Bus Insurance - remove old bus #3 from insurance policy
 1. **Per recommendation from August**



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Courtney H motions, Misti I seconds, motion carries unanimously.

- D. SPED/Classroom Aide Recommendation - interviewed two applicants today; have not yet reached a final decision on who to offer the position to [go ahead given for Star's recommendation](#)
- E. Attendance Bonus- a total of \$1100 for the July 5th payroll - Staci Conder \$400, Deb Troutman \$400, Valerie Schoppenhorst \$150, Leigh Ann Tusing \$150

Sherryl O motions, Misti I seconds, motion carries unanimously.

- F. Sound-Proofing Panels for Specials Room - sound proofing panels along wall that is adjacent to the third grade classroom - approximately \$400

August U motions, Andrea W seconds, motion carries unanimously.

- G. CPI: Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training - 3-day "Train the Trainer" course \$4,949 for a 2-year certification (recertification is \$2499) - that person would then be able to train the rest of the staff in safely and consistently intervening with behaviors [TABLED until more information is gathered from SIEC](#)
- H. PE 2026/2027 - currently spending approximately \$3000/year to rent the gym 1 day a week plus \$4,400 for a bus driver 1 day a week - discussion of options
 - 1. [Look at moving to hybrid PE/Library specials](#)

August U motions, Andrea W seconds, motion carries unanimously.

- I. Maintenance/Summer Cleaning - Travis - clean filters then all rooms will need cleaned and carpets shampooed [To happen sometime after July 4th.](#)

VI. Director Comments

- A. Enrollment - projected 105 for next year
- B. Classroom Brags - IReady [Improved green area on diagnostics](#)
- C. Grants -
 - 1. [Submitted for Formative Assessment Grant - will cover about \\$2000 of our benchmark assessments \(IReady\) and dyslexia screeners](#)
 - 2. [Submitted for the Small Rural School Achievement Grant](#)
 - 3. [Working on Title Grant - that's one of our big \\$30,000+ which we typically use to pay a portion of Instructional Assistant Salaries](#)
 - 4. [State Facilities Incentive Grant for Expanding Opportunity through quality charter schools - can be somewhere between \\$250-\\$1000 per student, so \\$30-100,000 - could look into this once we get all our ducks in order for expansion](#)
 - 5. [School Violence Prevention Program Grant - due August 4th - coordination with law enforcement, training for prevention of school violence, metal detectors, locks, lighting, etc](#)
 - 6. [Recycling Market Development Grant - used for an increase in recyclable material collection, reduction in municipal waste disposal, improved partnership with communities to increase public awareness of recycling - any "outside the box" thinking on this? Up to \\$50,000 - 50% matching](#)
- D. [4th of July Parade -](#)
- E. [Open House - Tuesday, August 4th](#)
 - 1. [Spill the Tea with Mama Z confirmed](#)
 - 2. [Ms. Tracy's confirmed](#)
 - 3. [Fizz Me up confirmed](#)
- F. [Exploring PEO Opportunities for Indiana Charter Schools](#)

VII. Board Comments

VIII. Other Questions or Items for the Board from Patrons

IX. Next regular scheduled board meeting: [Wednesday, July 29th at 6pm](#)

X. Adjournment [7:05](#)

[August U motions, Courtney H seconds, motion carries unanimously.](#)