YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

*YCS Administration Building, Professional Development Room * 1885 Packard Rd.; Ypsilanti, MI 48197*

MINUTES: SPECIAL/WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Saturday, September 12, 2015

The ***Special Meeting*** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at 8:41 a.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT
Meredith Schindler (8:52 arrival), Maria Sheler-Edwards, Sharon Lee, Sharon Irvine, Celeste Hawkins (8:55 arrival), Ellen Champagne, Brenda Meadows (8:48 arrival)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

OTHERS PRESENT
Dr. David Richards, Core2Edge President and Superintendent of Fraser Public Schools

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Trustee Sheler-Edwards, supported by Trustee Champagne
Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

VISIONING PROCESS - Activity
Naomi Norman, WISD Executive Director of Achievement Initiatives, facilitated a visioning process activity. Discussion was facilitated on:

Best and Worst Outcomes: ideas were shared by the Board and Superintendent Edmondson
Core Values: shared ideas on what makes YCS and our community unique
Student Outcomes: conversation took place on the characteristics the Board and Superintendent Edmondson would like "an ideal YCS graduate" to possess
Vision for YCS in 10 Years: ideas were discussed

Dr. David Richards stated with these conversations we are defining a belief system.

CONSOLIDATION VISION, CORE VALUES, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, ADVISORY RECOMMENDATIONS & PROGRAMS (Guiding Documents for Consolidation): A Review
Naomi Norman shared there were 8-10 community sessions as part of the District unification in 2013. Sessions were prior to consolidation. Visioning work was done prior to the consolidation vote. Community sessions were open to the public (invites went out, sessions were posted in the media). Sessions included discussion of what makes us unique, including ideas on diversity, partnerships, a sense of community, being a relatively small District, our history including hard-working people, and, a "we can do it" attitude (think of Rosie the Riveter, a U.S. cultural icon from World War II). Ideas on being productive in society that came out of community sessions included a holistic picture of the community.

Prior to the consolidation vote, 76 people attended sessions. Those who attended signed in, and all were invited. The **YCS Design Pillars** were born from these sessions. An opportunity to earn college credit or a career credential prior to graduation grew into a big idea. There was a focus on positive climate/culture, high quality teaching and leadership at all levels (student, community, Board, teacher, etc.).

Out of the Design Pillars, which were developed prior to the consolidation vote, came the YCS Guiding Principles, and, YCS Commitments. The Guiding Principles and Commitments were developed after the consolidation vote. The option that was pursued for "how we do consolidation" was the "community version". Invited to sessions were those who attended a previous event.

Community Advisory Committee Recommendations - Activity: Naomi Norman facilitated dialogue on initiatives of the 2013 consolidation Pillars and advisory recommendations. Ms. Norman suggested obtaining data to move forward. Discussion on David Richards will need goals before coming on-board in effort to pace the work to be done and to keep us on track. Dr. Richards stated the Board needs updates/our story to know where to begin. A strategic plan can be 2-3 pages, which would include goals, objectives, milestones and who will be accountable. Discussion on an organizational review (about 1 page), including goals, objectives, milestones.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: *None*

BRIDGING FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE: Dialogue: No discussion due to time limitations.

NEXT STEPS: No discussion due to time limitations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- President Irvine facilitated dialogue on Board workshop dates that Dr. David Richards should attend, and his available dates. She stated Dr. Richards attended "today's meeting" to gather information at this stage. As a facilitator, he is listening in on the groundwork. When getting to strategic planning with data, we can move more quickly.
- Conversation of the Tuesday, September 29th Board workshop. The topic of this meeting will be Board policy, as per Superintendent Edmondson's request. Workshop meetings were also scheduled for Saturday, October 17th and Tuesday, November 3rd. Discussion of the Board on scheduling future Board workshop meeting dates. The group decided to have Tuesday special meetings the 1st Tuesdays of each month, and, the 3rd Saturdays of each month. Tuesday meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday meetings will be moved to a 9:00 a.m. start time with a 1:00 p.m. end time.

Board Meeting Adjournment: 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lee

Sharon Lee, Secretary
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