



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MASB Facilitated Board Sessions
Monday, July 20, 2020 (Meeting #1 of 2)

This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom Conferencing, in accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-129 (COVID-19). The Technology Department navigated Public Comments by a phone line and an electronic document; instructions were provided to viewers. All meeting votes were called by "roll call".

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 5:38 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT (Amended to: Call to Order; Roll Call)

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Secretary Sharon Lee, Treasurer Gillian Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Maria Sheler-Edwards

IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THIS MEETING

Amended with Updated Information | Electronic Meeting, via Zoom Conferencing, In Accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order listed above. Information provided included:

Due to the nature of this hybrid meeting format, we will use Zoom. We will be streaming both Board of Education meetings, the special and regular meetings, via this link: https://bit.ly/YCS_BoE_Stream.

Instructions were also provided to join the webinar directly (link/password). Also included was information on participation in public comment (completing an electronic form, or by phone call in).

ACCEPTANCE OF "AMENDED" AGENDA: Accepted as "Amended". **Amendments:** 1) Meeting originally scheduled as an in-person meeting; changed to electronic meeting via Zoom; 2) Amended to "Call to Order & Roll Call" of Board Members present, and; 3) all votes taken by roll call due to electronic meeting.

Motion by Gainsley, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Hawkins (Note: Lee with audio trouble; no vote)

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONITORING OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE: Mary Kerwin, Facilitator|Senior Consultant, Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) facilitated this session; MASB Consultant Deb Macon also participated. Mary Kerwin guided conversation and monitoring for progress of Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross' performance goals. Dialogue included the following areas for this mid-term monitoring: 1) equity issues; 2) the late civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis; 3) a plan for compliance with the State, and; 4) priorities and areas to improve commitment to antiracism and actions going forward. Deb Macon shared information on the Michigan Women's Commission 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SELF-ASSESSMENT: No Session Due to Time Constraints; Postponed to December 2020

OTHER: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:32 p.m.

Sharon Lee, Secretary
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools