

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, February 27, 2023)

Members present

Dr Celeste Hawkins (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

Members absent

Maria Goodrich

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Lee, Board Vice President

Action: A. Roll Call of Board of Education Members

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sharon Lee, Board Vice President

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Ypsilanti Community High School Points of Pride

The YCS Board of Education is excited to share wonderful things that are happening in our schools by reading our school's points of pride.

Today's school is the Ypsilanti Community High School.

Click [here](#) to view the PowerPoint.

Dr. Harris-Hugan along with her team of administrators presented to the board (Melissa Ayers, Raymond Alvarado, Chef Aaron Gaertner, Bill Burnette, and Dan Schunck).

Presentation: B. Michigan School Business Officials Human Resource Specialist Certification - Kacey Corbin

Kacey Corbin has met the requirements for certification under the Michigan School Business Officials Voluntary Certification Program and has earned the Human Resources Specialist certification. This is a commitment of 90 hours of professional development established by the MSBO Board of Directors through their Professional Development Committee.

We are celebrating Ms. Corbin's accomplishment.

Congratulations, Ms. Corbin!

5. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: A.C.C.E., May 23, 2023 (Sandusky, OH)

This proposal comes from Charles A. Davis Jr., the proud principal of ACCE HS. I enrolled and challenged every student at ACCE high school to take Physics classes first semester, and I personally set goals with each student. Every student that finished the semester passed the class, and this trip is designed so that those students can see Physics in real life. Setting goals and achieving them is the perfect way to increase student achievement. This trip is fully funded, and we have all of the chaperones that are needed. I personally will be attending this field trip to ensure that everything goes smoothly. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Click [here](#) to view the field trip proposal.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the field trip of A.C.C.E. to Sandusky, OH on May 23, 2023.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: B. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, March 5 - 6, 2023 (Port Huron)

This proposal comes from Chef Aaron Gaertner, CTE Instructor & ProStart Instructor. Students will compete against peers from the State of Michigan and have opportunity to win prizes and scholarships. ProStart Education Foundation writes the CTE curriculum for this class.

Click [here](#) to view the field trip proposal.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School/Culinary program to Port Huron on March 5 and 6, 2023.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: C. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, April 14 - 16, 2023 (Grand Rapids)

This proposal comes from Chef Aaron Gaertner, CTE Instructor & ProStart Instructor. Participation in SkillsUSA is mandated by all Michigan Department of Education for all RCTC programs. Students will compete against peers from the State of Michigan and have the opportunity to win prizes and scholarships.

Click [here](#) to view the field trip proposal.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School/Culinary program to Grand Rapids on April 14 - 16, 2023.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

6. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Section 98b Presentation

Dr. Carlos Lopez will present on the Section 98b report to report on midyear student growth and achievements.

Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Dr. Carols Lopez presented followed by questions and answers.

Gillian Gainsley: What is happening with 11th and 12th grade?

Dr. Lopez: The rigger is more. Students didn't apply themselves. We do have some student who are blowing it out of the park. We are trying to bring in the students' voices.

Presentation: B. Standards Based Grading and the New Climate Environment Presentation - Chelsea Harris-Hugan

Ypsilanti Community High School has been working collectively with the WISD as well as internal stakeholders since the 2019 regarding Standards Based Grading Practices. Dr. Chelsea Harris-Hugan will give an overview presentation to the Board.

Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Dr. Harris-Hugan presented followed by questions and answers.

Jeanice Townsend: Do our students understand the importance the mastery and rubrics?

Dr. Harris-Hugan: Gives the student the opportunity to mastery a concept.

Dr. Hawkins: Mastering in a certain concept.

Dr. Harris-Hugan: Giving the student different ways to prove mastery.

Jeanice Townsend: Making sure students understand their business.

Dr. Hawkins: Getting the skills to learn the process of learning.

Dr. Harris-Hugan: Yes. Helping the students to getting the skills.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Creating critical thinking.

Jeanice Townsend: Making sure the parents are on board.

Dr. Harris-Hugan: That is why I say communicate, communicate, communicate.

Dr. Hawkins: Will we always have the scale and the grade

Dr. Harris-Hugan: The letters will be there on the report card.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Ruth Cassidy: bussing situation

Marian Zeisburg: lunchroom staffing situation

Ms. Solomon: having an issue with how the high school is being run

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent), Minutes, Report: A. Consent Agenda

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) January 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 2/21//23; Resignations and Retirements.

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1) January 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 2/21//23; Resignations and Retirements.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

9. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. First Reading of Neola Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 2 - February 2022

Trustee Schindler led the discussion.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: These are the policies, the broad overarching rules and then there are the day to day rules in the Code of Conduct.

Dr. Hawkins: We have to comply with the law.

10. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Donation: Rotary Club of Ypsilanti

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Rotary Club of Ypsilanti for \$3000.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

11. ACTION ITEM: Other

Action: A. Acceptance of Black Lives Matter Resolution

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you to the board for supporting this resolution. We kept the wording because of the historic document.

Dr. Hawkins read the resolution.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Black Lives Matter Resolution as presented.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

No public comments.

13. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Jeanice Townsend: Realtors' Breakfast coming up on March 16th. Thank you to Divine 9 organizations and all the organizations for attending the 3rd annual scholarship program - the scholarship amount has grown to about half a million. The first legislature breakfast for the WASB was this morning. Talked about the \$7 million debt being removed. We had about 30 people on the call, including Rep. Jimmy Wilson.

Yvonne Fields: Wants to set up a meeting for the Community Relations Subcommittee meeting.

Sharon Lee: Attending Head Start meeting that didn't happen because there wasn't a quorum. May have to change day and time for meeting.

Dr. Hawkins: Thank you for Ms. Willis for the Black History Month speaker series. "You Don't Know My Story" and "Just a Kid from Ypsi" were two of many events that were very well received. We still need to get better at telling our story. Trustee Townsend is running for secretary/treasurer. Thank you, Vice President Lee, for stepping in. March is Reading Month - excited to get in the schools to read. Reminder of the building tours.

Jeanice Townsend: Thank you to Cherisa Allen for help with "You Don't Know My Story."

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Black History Month events series as well as all the things that happened in the school classrooms. There is courage to pass that resolution. Thank you to our parents for your patience regarding transportation and power outages. Can't use There and Back Transportation because they don't have blinkers. We've hired two new drivers but there is a legal process that we have to go through to get them driving. We don't have the same number of drivers before the pandemic. Thank you to food service. Thank you, students. All schools have power except Ford. NAAPID at Night is March 13th. It will be streamed. There are career fairs happening from March 2 to April 26.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. Closed Session – Pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act - Complaint Against Employee

Went into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

15. REQUEST TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Procedural: A. Reconvene to Open Session

The trustees came out of closed session at 9:39 p.m. There was consensus in the closed session for the employee to remain employed by YCS.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.