

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Erickson Elementary students and Principal Kelly Mickel.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Sharon Irvine, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards, Vice-President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Treasurer Meredith Schindler, Trustee Brenda Meadows, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Erickson Points of Pride included: 1) Back-to-School Kick Off; 2) Leader in Me, Year 2; 3) Playground Progress; 4) After-School Programs; 5) Intense Student Support Network; 6) Improving Attendance, and; 7) Spotlight on the University of Michigan Science.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

Marketing Update: Taryn Willis, Marketing & Communications Coordinator gave a PowerPoint presentation on YCS Communications & Community Partnerships. Topics included: 1) An Overview of Communication and Marketing; 2) the Stronger Together Campaign; 3) Website Updates; 4) Marketing and Communications; 5) Logo Usage, and; 6) Upcoming Events.

Blueprint Installation Update: Alena Zachery-Ross, Superintendent and Sue McCarty, Director of Human Resources gave an "update" PowerPoint presentation. Presentation included: 1) The Blueprint: Systemic Reconfiguration; 2) District Network/Following the Blueprint, and; 3) YCS Blueprint Aligned. The presentation also shared information on: 1) strategic thoughts for what is happening with Blueprint in YCS ; 2) What is the District Network (DN), and what it does?; 3) As a Blueprint DN, we are ... ; 4) Communication is key to the overall success of an aligned Blueprint district; therefore we are ... ; 5) talent management; 6) instructional infrastructure; 7) the instructional infrastructure committee, and; 8) the leadership network. Also shared in the Board packet were two documents: 1) Agenda with Communication Plan Template, and; 2) District Scorecard Calendar/Board Meeting District Presentation Planning Calendar 2018/19, revised 10/19/18.

Washtenaw International Middle Academy (WIMA) Enrollment Planning: Alena Zachery-Ross, Superintendent shared information on the 2019/20 WIMA Facilities Planning Discussion, including data review and future planning. Topics included: 1) Cohort Data; 2) Parent/Staff Survey; 3) Establish a Committee of Students/Parents/Staff to Consider Alternatives, and; 4) Recommendations Targeted to be Brought to the Board by December 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: *None*

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) October 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes, and; 2) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated October 19, 2018: New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Lee, supported by Hawkins

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

RESOLUTION: Student Discipline

MOTION regarding the student known to the Board as #2018.1015.#2 - move that the Board of Education adopt the Board Resolution for Student Discipline.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Topics Included: The Board of Education was provided a recommended resolution from the Board subcommittee hearing members, which met on October 15, 2018.

Donation: Erickson / United Way's Young Leaders Society

MOTION TO accept an Erickson Elementary cash donation by the United Way of Washtenaw County | Young Leaders Society to purchase playground equipment, with a value of approximately \$4,000.

Motion by Hawkins, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

EMU Collaborative Planning & Engagement Partnership

MOTION TO approve the Estabrook Pilot Collaborative Planning and Engagement Partnership with Eastern Michigan University for the 2018-2021 school years.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Hawkins

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Illuminate Education

MOTION TO approve the renewal purchase in the amount of \$22,272 with Illuminate Education for the time period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

ACTION ITEMS, Human Resources

RESOLUTION: National Principal Month

MOTION TO adopt the Resolution of Recognition, Commemorating October 2018 as National Principals Month.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Director of Operations

MOTION TO approve the administrative employment contract with Steven Burgess to serve as Operations Director effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

OTHER

- *Irvine* commented on Lee's shared document for new Board member training. Lee and Sheler-Edwards collaborated on the project.
- *Sheler-Edwards* commented on the "shared document", which was a Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) template.
- *Irvine* commented on the December superintendent evaluation, sharing that MASB's Mary Kerwin recommended an abbreviated evaluation in November, since the superintendent is contracted. Irvine shared she would poll members on November dates.
- *Sheler-Edwards* spoke of the upcoming MASB annual conference.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Meadows* commented on the recent NAACP dinner.
- *Hawkins* shared she was absent from the last Board meeting due to her attendance at the Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper event. She spoke to the YCS students portrayed in the video at this event.
- *Irvine* commented on those assisting with the Sinking Fund. She referenced a list of upcoming neighborhood meetings, which she sent to Board members.
- *Sheler-Edwards* commented on Maria Goodrich, who is out tonight canvassing on the Sinking Fund.
- *Hawkins* spoke of upcoming Washtenaw International Middle Academy conferences, and covering time to share information on the Sinking Fund with parents attending.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – Section 8(a) OMA, Employee Requested

MOTION TO convene in closed session under Section 8(a) of the OMA for an employee-requested session.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

The meeting was called to closed session at 7:57 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEM: Employment/New Hire, Employee A

MOTION TO approve the employment of Employee A.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Champagne

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Hawkins, Schindler, Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Date Approved: Nov 12, 2018



Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools

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