

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 8, 2018

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Sharon Irvine, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards, Treasurer Meredith Schindler, Trustee Ellen Champagne

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Vice-President Dr. Celeste Hawkins (*attending Washtenaw My Brother's Keeper event*), Trustee Brenda Meadows (*ill*), Trustee Sharon Lee

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Estabrook Points of Pride included: 1) EMU Student Teacher Partnership; 2) Developmental Soccer Program; 3) Respect - Give It, Get It; 4) Music & Movement Time; 5) New Parent Pick Up Procedure; 6) Trunk or Treat, and; 7) Literacy Collaboration.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

YCS Invitation to Exhibit in Washington, D.C.: Art teachers Kayla Stafford, Heidi Shelton, Stacy Schwartz, Katherine Fisk (and YCS Art Coordinator) and YCS parent Yen Azzaro presented a PowerPoint on a U.S. Department of Education Art Exhibit in May/June 2020. YCS has been invited to attend. Kindergarten through 12th grade students will be invited to present at the exhibition opening. YCS would have national recognition. Learning opportunities include: 1) conceiving and producing artwork relevant to a theme (diversity, equality, justice); 2) marketing process; 3) curatorial practices; 4) travel preparation and etiquette, and; 5) garnering publicity. To make this a reality, 65 students and 38 parents/guardians/YCS staff would attend. \$75,000 is the estimated trip cost, with framing/materials "to be determined". The process would include: 1) judging at Riverside Arts Center in December; 2) YCS art teachers curate the pieces that best adhere to the theme; 3) those pieces are presented to community judges with no affiliation of students attending YCS; 4) winning pieces are chosen and community is invited. Our thanks to the local person who was visiting Washington, D.C. and signed up YCS; Congresswoman Debbie Dingell also endorsed us.

Durham Transportation & National Bus: Director of Facilities and Operations Steven Burgess, Durham School Services General Manager Carrie Drew and National Bus Service Lead Consultant Justin Wilczynski presented on goals, the current system, a 2019 Request for Proposal (RFP) and technology.

Reviewed practices and feedback included: 1) bus tracker; 2) new location of the server; 3) driver procedure [alpha list]; 4) hire of new safety supervisor, and; 5) shortage of three drivers, but a steady flow of new applicants. Discussion of "on time" and the time the latest busses are out; Drew said routes are continually being adjusted.

Wilczynski spoke of the master plan: to make service and transportation better. He addressed operations, including YCS and community relationships with Durham, and, finances (can things be done more efficiently). Conversation on software, and fact finding why Versatran to PowerSchool was inaccurate. There has been lack of training of YCS and Durham employees; however, as of last Friday, there is a 100% match of YCS data to Durham data. Our last RFP was standard; Wilczynski will work with us on the next RFP. A RFP could define the year(s), make(s) and model(s) of busses, and, proper training for drivers, among other things.

Discussion of being mindful of how information flows. Conversation on how long children may be on busses; Wilczynski said YCS decides this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Anita Smith commented on the Kettering demolition and the history of and request for a memorial using the tiles of the communications mural on the building. Ypsilanti Township Supervisor *Brenda Stumbo* spoke of the demolition resolution, church sales/leases and a request for keeping her office informed of neighborhood happenings. *Hugh Harris* and *Debra Stevens* commented on transportation.

President Irvine spoke of capital costs that were not taken on 5-10 years before consolidation. She asks for continued patience. Facilities are a big item now, but bussing is important too.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) September 24, 2018 special meeting minutes; 2) September 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes; 3) September 24, 2018 closed session meeting minutes, and; 4) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated October 3, 2018: New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Champagne

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Field Trip, Ypsilanti Community High School Choir

MOTION TO approve the overnight/out-of-state field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School Choir to Carnegie Hall in New York City in March 2019.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

Pediatric Therapy Associates

MOTION TO approve the contract with Pediatric Therapy Associates for a service period of August 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$317,405.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Champagne

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Champagne, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

RESOLUTION: Demolish Thurston & Kettering Elementary Schools

MOTION TO adopt the Resolution to Demolish Thurston Elementary (181 Oregon St. in Ypsilanti Township) and Kettering Elementary (1622 Knowles St. in Ypsilanti Township) Schools.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Champagne, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Topics Included: Irvine has honored a request to have a memorial wall or an commemorative alternative with the student tiles from Kettering Elementary.

Lease: Our House Organization

MOTION TO approve the lease with Our House for a total monthly rental of \$400 for a lease period of November 1, 2018 - October 31, 2019.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Champagne, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Topics Included: Request for Burgess to send the Board rental rates.

Educational Reporting Services Agreement

MOTION TO approve the Educational Reporting Services Agreement with Educational Reporting Solutions, beginning "on the date hereof" and expiring on September 30, 2019 unless earlier terminated or extended.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Champagne, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Washtenaw County Sheriff Amendment, SRO

MOTION TO approve the School Resource Officer contract amendments for 2019-2022 with the Washtenaw County Sheriff, extending the term of this contract with an effective date of January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2022.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Champagne, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

ACTION ITEMS, Other

Donation: District, Huron Valley Correctional Facility

MOTION TO accept the donations of backpacks, school supplies and \$10,000 from the Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

Topics Included: HVCF Deputy Warden Karri Osterhout and Facility Manager Toni Moore were in attendance and spoke of the donation.

Donation: ACCE, Anonymous Donor

MOTION TO accept a \$20,000 cash donation to Achieving College & Career Education from an anonymous donor.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Champagne

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

Topics Included: Jonathan Royce, ACCE Principal spoke of this donation. Irvine spoke of these donations being extraordinary.

Donation: Erickson, Unite Community Church

MOTION TO accept the donations of a playground basketball system and a \$5,000 check from Unite Community Church on behalf of Erickson Elementary.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

Topics Included: Kelly Mickel, Erickson Principal spoke of this donation.

Donation: Erickson, MESSA Employees

MOTION TO accept an Erickson Elementary school supply donation by MESSA employees, valued at approximately \$1,000.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

Topics Included: Kelly Mickel, Erickson Principal commented on the donation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

OTHER

- *Zachery-Ross* request to reschedule Tuesday, October 16th Board workshop on anti-bias work and discipline. Board decision to defer this meeting until a consultant for this work has been named and has scheduling availability.
- *Irvine* commented on combining the December 11th and December 17th Board meeting.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Sheler-Edwards* requested a followup transportation update.
- *Irvine* commented on completion of a transportation survey, as a way to benchmark progress; including staff may be helpful.
- *Sheler-Edwards* commented on the SchoolMessenger protocol related to transportation.
- *Zachery-Ross* spoke of standard operating processes.
- *Schindler* commented on a system that others know too; for example, teachers knowing Bus Tracker. Comments on a listing of busses (how many radios, run regularly v. mechanical issues, etc.). *Steven Burgess* shared drivers were given his contact information previously, should contact be necessary.
- *Zachery-Ross* spoke of an upcoming meeting with two staff members to gather transportation input.
- *Irvine* acknowledged Brenda Stumbo's request of awareness of community happenings.
- *Zachery-Ross* welcomed our new Director of Business Services and Finance, Dr. Edwina Hill and new Director of Human Resources, Sue McCarty.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Attachment: Resolution / Demolish Thurston Elementary & Kettering Elementary Schools

Date Approved: October 22, 2018



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

Initials: 

RESOLUTION TO DEMOLISH THURSTON ELEMENTARY AND KETTERING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw County | Michigan

A meeting of the Board of Education of the District was held in the **Professional Development Room** at the **Ypsilanti Community Schools Administration Building** located at **1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197**, on **October 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by **Sharon Irvine, President**.

The following Resolution was offered by Member MARIA SHELER-EDWARDS,

and supported by Member MEREDITH SCHINDLER.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for Ypsilanti Community Schools approved the demolition of Kettering and Thurston Elementary Schools on March 28, 2016. And,

WHEREAS, the approved resolution stated that the demolition of these two buildings would begin during the 2016-2017 school year. And,

WHEREAS, to date, the District has not demolished these two buildings or presented a timeline or a plan to the Board of Education for the demolition of these two buildings.

THEREFORE, the Board of Education directs the Interim Superintendent to submit an RFP for the demolition of Thurston and Kettering Elementary Schools no later than Friday, October 12, 2018, with the abatement and demolition processes to begin on or around November 7, 2018, or within 15 business days of that date.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Sharon Irvine, President	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President	Yes	No	<u>Absent</u>
Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Meredith Schindler, Treasurer	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Brenda Meadows, Trustee	Yes	No	<u>Absent</u>
Ellen Champagne, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Sharon Lee, Trustee	Yes	No	<u>Absent</u>

Resolution Declared: Adopted / Defeated (4 / 0, Yes OR No)

The undersigned herewith certifies, as **Secretary** of the Board of Education of Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, that this resolution was **adopted** by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board at a **regular meeting** held on **October 8, 2018**.

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