

## **YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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

### **MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday, November 12, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by an Achieving College and Career Education (ACCE) student and Principal Jonathan Royce.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT**

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

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT**

Treasurer Meredith Schindler

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

ACCE Points of Pride included: 1) Resilience and perseverance of students and staff; 2) progress on a peer mediation program; 3) ACCE Virtual Academy enrollment is up 120%; **two students earned a high school diploma this past week**; 4) community partners Don Horning of M Den and a local UAW will supply holiday food to be shared with ACCE community members in need, and the Ypsilanti community; 5) climate of professionalism; 6) improved academic achievement and reduced physical altercations, and; 7) student opinion reflects they are provided a quality education and they value relationships with teachers.

Yes! YCS Campaign: Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross acknowledged volunteers who supported the November 2018 Sinking Fund as members of the Yes! YCS Campaign. Their work paved the way for a successful Sinking Fund campaign and vote.

**BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE:** Honorable J. Cedric Simpson, Judge of the Washtenaw 14A District Court administered the School Board Member Constitutional Oath of Office to our newly reelected/elected Board of Education trustees. November 2018 reelected Board members Ellen Champagne and Dr. Celeste Hawkins and elected Gillian Ream Gainsley took the Oath.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Accepted as Presented

*Motion by Lee, supported by Hawkins*

*Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No*

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

2017/18 Annual Financial Audit: Tracey Kasperek, Senior Manager/Rehmann Robson LLC gave an overview of financial statements and audit results, and, guided the Board through pertinent pages of the Financial Statements and Single Audit Act Compliance booklet for the year ended June 30, 2018. The District fund balance as of June 30, 2018 was \$6,556,770, as listed on page 23 of the audit: Actual/Fund Balance, End of Year. This audit report is available on our website:

[www.ycschools.us/downloads/transparency\\_reporting/ypsilanti\\_schools\\_-\\_budget2018.pdf](http://www.ycschools.us/downloads/transparency_reporting/ypsilanti_schools_-_budget2018.pdf)

Achieving College and Career Education Middle School (ACCE MS) 2018/19 Pilot Program Update: Jonathan Royce, ACCE Principal and Seth Petty, Ypsilanti Community Middle School (YCMS) Principal presented a PowerPoint update. Presentation included: 1) student profile (exit from YCMS - entry into ACCE MS, and, exit from ACCE MS - reentry to YCMS [criteria to successfully exit ACCE]); 2) collaboration between YCMS and ACCE MS; 3) academic supports; 4) daily instructional planning; 5) achievement data; 6) criteria for success at ACCE MS; 7) student behavior; and; 8) timeline for ACCE MS pilot program.

MHSAA Student Behavior: Lawrence Reeves, Athletic Director & Ypsilanti Community High School Assistant Principal provided an overview of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) student behavior report.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS #1**

*Charlotte Tillerson* commented on looking forward to working with the newly-elected Board.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) October 22, 2018 regular meeting minutes; 2) October 22, 2018 closed session meeting minutes, and; 3) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated November 7, 2018: Resignations.

*Motion by Hawkins, supported by Meadows*

*Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No*

#### **ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs**

##### **WCC Postsecondary Enrollment Agreement**

MOTION TO approve the 2018/19 Postsecondary Enrollment Agreement with Washtenaw Community College, with an expiration date of June 30, 2019.

*Motion by Meadows, supported by Champagne*

*Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes*

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

##### **Donation: Ypsilanti Community High School, Toyota Research & Development - Donor**

MOTION TO accept a Ypsilanti Community High School donation of 'gym equipment' from Toyota Research & Development.

*Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Hawkins*

*Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No*

#### **ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance**

##### **RESOLUTION: Summer Tax**

MOTION TO adopt the Summer Tax Resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service.

*Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Hawkins*

*Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes*

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

##### **Schneider Electric Energy Services Contract:** *Item Tabled to 11/14/18*

*No vote taken. Steve Burgess was not present at this meeting; Scott Mason, CEM of Schneider Electric answered Board questions.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS #2**

*Melvin Parson* commented on repurposing Kettering Elementary.

### OTHER

- *Board members* discussed the 2019 Commencement venue, with consideration to sign the venue contract with Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) Convocation Center, or, to have the ceremony on YCS property. Renting an outside venue comes with a cost. The projected cost to rent EMU's Convocation Center is \$10,789. Discussion on historical significance of the ceremony at EMU's Convocation Center, and, the District being responsible for good financial decision making and the possibility of the 2019 venue being on the campus of YCS. This topic will be brought back to the Board for consideration on December 3<sup>rd</sup>; this allows for community input to the Board.

### BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Lee* attended the recent Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Leadership Conference (MASB ALC). She connected with a fundraiser company, which she will share with Taryn Willis. She also won free registration to the 2019 MASB ALC.
- *Sheler-Edwards*, too, attended the recent MASB ALC conference. Comments on orientation for new Board members.
- *Meadows* request to Sheler-Edwards to disseminate information to Board.
- *Zachery-Ross* spoke of those Board of Education members newly re-elected, and our newest elected trustee. Spoke of commitment to our District. Passing of Sinking Fund: Zachery-Ross commented on community support and thanked many individuals for their service in this campaign; group efforts also recognized. We are "stronger together".

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.*

Attachment: Resolution - Summer Tax

Date Approved: 12.3.18



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

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## ANNUAL SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION

### Ypsilanti Community Schools (the "District") Washtenaw County, Michigan

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") was held in the Professional Development Room of the YCS Administration Building at 1885 Packard Road, within the boundaries of the District, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, at 6:30 in the p.m.

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

Present: Members Sharon Irvine, Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Maria Sheler-Edwards, Brenda Meadows, Ellen Champagne, Sharon Lee

Absent: Members Meredith Schindler

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Maria Sheler-Edwards and supported by Member Celeste Hawkins.

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (Revised School code), invokes for 2019 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests each that city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.
2. Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board's resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2019 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolution and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2019.
3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCL 380.1611 or MCL 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: 6 Hawkins, Meadows, Champagne, Lee  
Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Nays: 0

Resolution declared adopted.

Maria Sheler-Edwards

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Secretary, Board of Education | Ypsilanti Community Schools

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary for the Board of Education of Ypsilanti Community Schools, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on November 12, 2018, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Maria Sheler-Edwards

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