



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at approximately 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by President Irvine.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Sharon Irvine, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards (appx. 6:40 arrival), Vice-President Dr. Celeste Hawkins (appx. 6:40 arrival), Treasurer Meredith Schindler, Trustee Brenda Meadows, Trustee Ellen Champagne (appx. 8:00 departure), Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET PRESENT

Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Edmondson, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sherrell Hobbs

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 5/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: *None*

ANTI-BIAS WORK | ANALYZING BOARD POLICY

(Sheler-Edwards arrival)

(Hawkins arrival)

(Champagne departure)

Iheoma Iruka, Ph.D. - HighScope Educational Research Foundation | Chief Research Innovation Officer/Director, Center for Early Education Evaluation facilitated this Board work-session on anti-bias and exploration of Board policy relating to anti-bias. Conversation on "what the goal of YCS is". Presentation of "PACC", Principles for Supporting Black Males: **P**rotection, **A**ffection, **C**orrection & **C**onnection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: *None*

OTHER (item moved down on agenda)

- Irvine spoke of the two conversations of the YIES | IB (Ypsilanti International Elementary School | International Baccalaureate): the upcoming swelling in enrollment, and community involvement. Conversation on community input via a survey possibly via distribution at school level, Superintendent's emails to community at large, and, website on the three options and a town hall meeting. The three options include:
 1. District "does nothing": working with current number of Washtenaw International Middle Academy (WIMA) enrollment slots & pulling back on guarantee for WIMA enrollment;
 2. Add WIMA enrollment slots & continue "to guarantee", and;
 3. District does own IB program & does nothing on WIMA side. Then, the anticipation is to create enough interest and then we can still guarantee, but will not have flooding affect from YIES swell of enrollment numbers. Parents could still have a choice.
- Edmondson spoke of survey identifiers: i.e., parent input v. community input.

- Audience member request for a late public comment. The comment was a town hall prior to the survey, allowing for open discussion before a survey.
- Sheler-Edwards inquires on a Board-determined-best-option and determined-best-direction. This eliminates exploring an option that YCS could not comply with.
- Schindler suggested another round of communication after a town hall. There is support on implementing our own IB programming, creating support from the community.
- Irvine encourages collecting input from many sources.
- Edmondson spoke on the matter of fairness and getting community input: once we have input, what do we do with the information collected?
- Irvine spoke of a consultant to facilitate efforts.

Meeting Adjourned: appx. 9:00 p.m.

Date Approved: 8.13.18



Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary
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