



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Thursday, July 26, 2018

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by President Irvine. *Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Edmondson was not present at this meeting.*

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 (arrival during closed session), Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *None*

(Champagne arrival during Closed Session)

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION - Section 8(h) OMA, Attorney-Client Privilege

MOTION TO convene in closed session under Section 8(h) of the OMA to consider an attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Lee, supported by Hawkins

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

The meeting was called to closed session at 6:33 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:11 p.m.

RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

MOTION THAT the Board of Education accept the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Edmondson."

Motion by Schindler, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

Discussion Included: Irvine shared the separation was initiated by Edmondson. Per the Resignation Agreement, Edmondson will continue to serve until interim superintendent is selected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

OTHER

- Irvine spoke of an item at the next Board meeting on contracting for interim full-time superintendent services through the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Schindler expressed thanks to Edmondson.
- Irvine commented how the departure communication was handled. Apologies for a delay from the time the Board spoke/Edmondson commented.

- Lee expressed thanks to Edmondson and Irvine on this process.
- Irvine shared Edmondson's departure will be a tremendous loss.
- Hawkins wishes Edmondson well.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18 p.m.

Date Approved:

Aug 13, 2018

Maria Sheler-Edwards

Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary
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