



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

This was the first meeting with Alena Zachery-Ross presiding as Superintendent.

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at 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, Vice-President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Treasurer Meredith Schindler, Trustee Brenda Meadows, Trustee Ellen Champagne

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Sharon Lee

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Schindler, supported by Hawkins

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: None

BOARD | SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION: Mary Kerwin, Senior Consultant/Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) facilitated this work session. Deb Macon, Consultant/MASB was introduced, sharing ideas during this session. The work of this session was Board/Superintendent communication protocol.

Conversation also included discussion of the YCS Mission statement. A change was made to this statement, which is reflected below.

ACTION ITEM, YCS Mission Statement Change

MOTION TO approve a change in the Mission Statement of YCS to: The purpose of YCS is to develop ~~happy~~ **mindful**, engaged students with the skill set, work ethic, and attitude to contribute to a community that honors diversity, equality and justice.

Motion by Irvine

All Six Members Present Were in Agreement

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Amanda Smith commented on communication at previous YCS home event(s) (ie, YCS Yes!) and public events, and, on community perception.

OTHER: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Sheler-Edwards reminded Board members of the upcoming MASB Annual Leadership Conference.
- Meadows thanked Mary Kerwin for her work. Then, she checked in with Alena Zachery-Ross on her first week at YCS.
- Zachery-Ross shared activities from her first week as superintendent, along with upcoming events.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Date Approved: 9/24/2018

Maria Sheler-Edwards

Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary
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