



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, January 28, 2019 (*Meeting #1 of 2*)

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross at 6:02 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

Vice-President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards, Treasurer Meredith Schindler, Trustee Brenda Meadows, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Sharon Lee, Trustee Gillian Ream Gainsley

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *None*

SCHOOL BUS FLEET PROPOSAL

Justin Wilczynski, National Bus Service Lead Consultant and Steve Coutler, CC & H Leasing LLC President/Hoekstra Transportation School Bus Sales lead a PowerPoint presentation, answered questions and took feedback on the school bus proposal. Steve Burgess, Director of Facilities and Operations facilitated. Presentation included options of leasing or purchasing buses needed to run a successful transportation system next year. Our contract with Durham School Services expires this year.

National Bus Service recommends that YCS acquire buses to run the District's transportation instead of including it in an RFP. Conversation on MSBO bus purchasing program. Timing is essential to ensure a July delivery of buses.

Recently, three options were presented for a transportation system, which includes buses to be purchased/leased by the District. Information on these options is scheduled for Board presentation at our February 25th Board meeting. The Board expressed interest in choosing bus options at a later date.

~~**DISCUSSION:** Consideration of Scheduling a Board Orientation Meeting Date to the 2019 Board Meeting Schedule.~~ *No discussion of item.*

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Schindler reported on Sex Education Advisory Board meetings.

OTHER

- Zachery-Ross will take any additional questions the Board may have on the bus fleet proposal to National Bus for followup.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: *None*

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 p.m.

Date Approved: February 4, 2019

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

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