



Monday, November 4, 2019
6:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting *(Meeting #2 of 2)*

YCS Board of Education Meeting | YCS Central Office * 1885 Packard Rd. * Ypsilanti, MI 48197 * (734)221-1230

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *Perry ELC Students – Lindsey Segrist, Principal*
ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

III. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Salvation Army/Feeding His Sheep Program Update: *Kim Hoppe, Volunteer*
- B. 2018/19 Annual Financial Audit Conclusion: *Rehmann Robson*; Document Available At:
https://www.ycschools.us/downloads/board_meetings_2019-2020/ypsilanti_schools_-_fs_6-30-19_final.pdf

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

V. CONSENT AGENDA (Enc. #1)

- A. October 2, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. October 2, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- C. October 22, 2019 *Regular/Special* Meeting Minutes
- D. October 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, *Study Session*
- E. October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- F. October 29, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- G. October 29, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (2)

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. ~~Student Affairs~~

- i. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION:** *Student #2019.1029A* (Enc. #2)
- ii. **STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION:** *Student #2019.1029B* (Enc. #3)
- iii. Field Trip, *YCHS/NBSE Jr. Chapter* (Enc. #4)

B. ~~Business/Finance~~

- i. 2018/19 Annual Financial Audit Report (Enc. #5)
- ii. Summer Tax Resolution (Enc. #6)

C. ~~Other~~

- i. Donation: District | *Toyota, Donor* (Enc. #7)
- ii. Donation: District | *NSF International of Ann Arbor* (Enc. #8)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

VIII. OTHER

IX. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Enclosure #1
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
Meeting of 11/4/2019
Presented by Alena Zachery-Ross
Prepared by Paula Gutzman

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Discussion</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Action – Roll Call</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Action – Voice</i> <i>Ayes</i> _____ <i>Nays</i> _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

a. Consent Agenda

1. October 2, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
2. October 2, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. October 22, 2019 ~~Regular~~/Special Meeting Minutes
4. October 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, Study Session
5. October 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
6. October 29, 2019, Special Meeting, Student Discipline {Meetings #1 & 2 combined into one meeting}
7. October 29, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, #2019.1029A
8. October 29, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, #2019.1029B

Proposed Motion

" move that the Board of Education approve the following:

- 1) October 2, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes;*
- 2) October 2, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes;*
- 3) October 22, 2019 regular/special meeting minutes;*
- 4) October 28, 2019 special meeting minutes;*
- 5) October 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes;*
- 6) October 29, 2019 special meeting minutes – meetings #1 & 2 combined into one meeting;*
- 7) October 29, 2019 closed session meeting minutes, #2019.1029A; and,*
- 8) October 29, 2019 closed session meeting minutes, #2019.1029B."*

Budget Impact: ☒ None ☐ As follows:

Attachments:

☒ Enclosed
 ☐ Issue Study Enclosed
 ☒ To Be Distributed at Meeting
 ☐ None

Closed Session Minutes



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Qualifications of Trustee for Board Service
Wednesday, October 2, 2019

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by President Hawkins.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: None

YCS LEGAL REPRESENTATION PRESENT: YCS Attorneys Roy Henley and John Kava

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented
Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

- Sheler-Edwards requests a discussion.
- Hawkins does not recognize request; Robert's Rules of Order calls for acknowledgment of the Chair, and the Chair will give you the floor.
- Sheler-Edwards recognizes the Chair, then requests to address the Board.
- Hawkins asks, before the Acceptance of the Agenda?
- Sheler-Edwards replies as a discussion item of the motion. She speaks of one Public Comment on the Agenda. The practice for special meetings is typically one Public Comment, not two. Requests consideration of adding a second Public Comment. She had reached out to the Superintendent previously and asked to add a second Public Comment to the Agenda. It may be worth conversation of the full Board to see if we want to provide the opportunity.
- Hawkins states Superintendent Zachery-Ross shared information with her, initially through Mrs. Gutzman. Typically, you would reach out ahead of the meeting so there is not a surprise at the Board table. Hawkins is not aware of any reason to add a Public Comment, particularly after a closed session. That has not been our practice. Comment to not add a second Public Comment if we do not have a reason.
- Sheler-Edwards comments controversial issues are not usual, the number of people in attendance tonight, and, a bias to greater public input. There was a time when we only had one Public Comment. When the appointed Board became the elected Board, one of the first things they did was to add a second Public Comment at the end of the agenda.
- Hawkins does not think it is necessary. Sheler-Edwards has not communicated with her. This information being shared at the table would have been helpful to have ahead of time. The recommendation is to go through the Agenda and deal with the business before the Board.

Action Recorded: ~~6/Yes; 1/No~~ -- See Correction in "Board Superintendent Comments" (below)
As Corrected: **5/Yes; 1/No**

DISCUSSION

Hawkins invites YCS Attorney John Kava to talk about pending legal issues the Board is facing.

John Kava comments there is a Discussion topic on tonight's Agenda. There is also Public Comment and Closed Session. Kava continues that he understands the Board has been served with a Summons & Complaint and Order for a Show Cause Hearing that is scheduled for October 9, 2019. As a result of the Summons & Complaint, the Order that had been entered and the Show Cause

Hearing scheduled for next week, the Board recognizes -- as we will go through discussions -- there is question of residency with respect to a Board member who was elected to the Board, and, whether or not that Board member continues to be a Board member, or, the seat is vacated. As a result -- the outstanding issue with respect to having a Show Cause Hearing -- typically the Board does not discuss pending litigation. There may be Public Comment related to that pending litigation, but most likely the Board will restrict its comments to that pending litigation until such time that it is completed -- which, at this time, is scheduled for October 9th. We will see where it goes from there. Most likely there will not be much comment in response back to Public Comment.

- *Hawkins* calls for other Discussion items from Board members.
- *Schindler*: Trustee Meadows, at our last meeting I asked you to resign. I went home, did research and I changed my mind. Looks forward to legal guidance. She apologized to Trustee Meadows.
- *Hawkins*: There is a lot of information in the community; some true, some false. The comments I want to make are specific to us as an eight member team. Last week I was surprised, as Board President, to have information shared that could have been shared privately or in some other way in order for us to address issues coming before us regarding residency. I reached out to Board members in August sharing what Brad Banasik (MASB) shared with all of us, so it was shocking that Board members brought this issue up at a Board meeting, violating the no surprises rule at the Board table. I have a colleague, at this table, who has refused to speak with me since I was elected Board President. I have sent numerous communications. I have been attacked, disrespected and my leadership has been undermined, and, this comment is not to all Board members, but it is definitely directed to Trustee Sheler-Edwards. I am not sure what happened in January other than I was elected Board President, so it feels personal. It feels as though being a black woman in a leadership position that I am under attack to have community members insert themselves in a process that is for the Board, and, instructing Board members to do things at the Board table. It seems our ethics policy is being called into question. I encourage Board members to review our ethics policy and our protocol as it relates to Public Comment. It seems we have the appearance as a divided Board. As leaders of the District, we have to model tenants of civility, collegiality and respect. As a Board member and in the Board President role, I have not been respected. This is a legal matter. The courts can work this out and I want us to move forward as an eight member team. We can not engage in behavior that is disrespectful, intimidating or harassing.
- *Ream Gainsley*: Responds to comments on previous conversation. I want to correct a couple things. The main thing is the Board did not bring this up at the last Board meeting. Community members brought this to us and conversation was initiated by community members. Several times it was said the Board brought this up, which is not strictly true. The second thing: you sent email in August saying there may be a residency issue, and, legal counsel advised us not to investigate the residency. I do respect you, so I called you and we had conversation about that email. I was concerned at that time you recognized a potential residency issue. I shared I was not comfortable being in a position where we stood in violation of our Bylaws. Bylaws state when you move out of District, your Board seat is vacant. I would be uncomfortable being in that position if this were the case. I asked if you thought we were in that position; that I would hope we would act on it. You said you had not investigated and you did not know if we were in that position. The reasons for my comments at the previous meeting were if we were presented with compelling evidence that a member was living outside the District, we would act appropriately on it. It was when community members brought it to us that we responded to information presented before us. To call that a surprise, though we had this conversation 1-1/2 months ago, I do not feel it was necessarily surprising. I think it is conversation we have had. Now, it is in the legal system and it will run its course.
- *Hawkins*: I call it a surprise, specifically, because I sent an email - we were texting -- to say have you seen the email? You communicated concerns about my response. I commented this is not my response; it is from Brad Banasik and then we had a phone conversation. I heard your concerns. We talked and I told you what information I received. You mentioned during that conversation that you wanted to uphold the Bylaws and Oath of Office. Again, I reached out to Brad Banasik asking him specifically about violation of Bylaws and the Oath of Office. I sent you a message stating, specifically, that he commented Board Bylaws and Oath of Office are not being violated. Your response was "Okay, thanks." To me this was a closed matter and it would not come up again.

So it is a surprise when you do not express concerns prior to a meeting. I understand this was brought up by a community member. I also understand Board members have conversation with community members during Board recess as we are going through this process. It looked odd that a community member is asking the Board to open up a search, create a motion, then urges you, and then, that is exactly what happened. Our ethics policy specifically says that we do not -- until we have all facts -- give our independent judgment to special interest groups or members of the community. And that is what happened.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Mark Wilde* comments on a motion made at the meeting last week, and, address checks/Board member residency. *Amanda Smith* commented on Board teamwork and this legal matter. *Andrew Fanta* comments on: 1) qualifications to be a Board member; 2) a motion made at the last meeting; 3) a Writ of Mandamus; 4) the court and a Temporary Order; 5) motions filed by himself | *Mark Wilde* | and *Herman Humes* - as lead petitioners; 6) 52 signatures they have; 7) State law, and; 8) the home exemption. *Lavada Weathers* comments on: 1) her residency in the District; 2) her work with Trustee *Sheler-Edwards* during Consolidation to join Ypsilanti Public and Willow Run schools together; 3) the vested interest of an educational system; 4) racism; 5) the courts/residency; 6) Board member contact with Mr. Fanta who is an attorney, and; 7) the business of our students' education. *Daicia Price* comments on: 1) this issue; 2) her experience at a Board meeting a few months ago - including Board behavior - regarding the middle school alternative program; 3) a special meeting for more than one residence instead of about children, and; 4) oppressive behaviors/systems and racism.

President Hawkins Response: Comments on a motion made/was not accepted. The Chair was not recognized. When a motion is made, the Chair must be recognized and then the person is given the floor. The Chair was not recognized and if the Chair is not recognized, it is not a valid motion. That is clear in Robert's Rules of Order.

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION - Section 8(e) OMA, Pending Litigation

Hawkins informs there is a NEW motion; disregard the motion included in the Board packet. We will read a different motion because of pending litigation.

NEW MOTION: MOTION TO enter into Closed Session under Section 8(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act so that the Board and parties may discuss the pending case of *Fanta v. Ypsilanti Community Schools*. A Closed Session is necessary because it would not be in the Board's best interest to discuss litigation strategy in public.

Original Motion: MOTION TO convene in closed session under Section 8(h) of the OMA to consider an Attorney-Client Privilege matter.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes/1 Abstain

Yes: Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Hawkins

Abstain: Meadows

The meeting was called to closed session at 7:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 8:28 p.m.

OTHER: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Sheler-Edwards:* Reflecting back to the beginning of this year when Board officials (President, Vice-President, etc.) were voted in, votes were in support of each other with unanimous votes for each official. One of the first things the Board President did was negotiate a contract for our new Superintendent. There were a couple of congenial phone conversations, as I recall, with President Hawkins on support for Zachery-Ross. Typically, a Superintendent contract is for three years. School law states the maximum is a five-year contract; I wanted to see this happen. We both supported Zachery-Ross as the Board worked together to solidify leadership. Responding to those who believe I have not been respectful, I recognize I am a white woman in a white majority culture that comes with privilege. Around matters of race, I want to take a humble stance. This work is important to me, including as a representative of this District and the children in Ypsilanti ... every single child.

- *Champagne* inquires on correcting a vote, and the need to do it publicly.
- *Lee* confirms.
- *Hawkins*: Mrs. Gutzman there is **a vote for the Acceptance of the Agenda (above); it should read 5/1 instead of 6/1.** It has been difficult to sit in the seat of Board President and have a colleague ... it is fine to say it now while under pressure from community members who are saying things, but for me it feels like it is a response that needs to be had because of everything happening right now. Any Board member can reach out to me at any point. To refuse and be disrespectful to me as Board President, you have told me flat out, Trustee Sheler-Edwards, that you do not want to talk with me. You disrespected me at a meeting/after a meeting when I tried to speak to you and you were dismissive. Nothing changed except I became Board President. When Sharon Irvine was Board President, this never happened. The only thing I can point to is I am a black woman in a leadership position and your privilege and power tells you that you can treat me disrespectfully. This is unacceptable. It is unacceptable for any Board member to think, based on their power and privilege ... because this residency issue is really what is at play. Every Board member had the same information and no one reached out to me, including you, to discuss this. No Board member went to our colleague and asked her about this. Instead, Trustee Sheler-Edwards, you and Trustee Gainsley went to the Superintendent. You never contacted me. Trustee Gainsley did not contact me directly; Alena told me. This is a problem. Race is an issue. We have a District in which we serve over 67% African American students. Being in positions of leadership at this highest level, we are demonstrating to our kids that we spend more time on adult issues in wanting to remove/vacate a member from the Board. We do not talk this much about student achievement or culture/climate. Right now, we are all under the gun because we have pressure from outside forces. It is unethical for Board members to be in conversation with community members -- to be taking cues from community members about what we should do next: put a motion on the floor, let us huddle up, let us talk. This is what I saw at the meeting. That is one reason we are here today. I am realistic about the fact that it sounds good to say it here, publicly. Our actions have to match our words because what we do/what we say ... it matters. Nothing else is at play except power and privilege from Board members and community members who have disrespected me. You do not sit in the seat of a black woman. That is what power and privilege means, that you do not have to -- that you can question colleagues at the Board table and not even allow due process. I am disappointed we all have to spend time addressing a matter that should not have been addressed at this Board table. I respect every person on this Board. I reach out, I talk to every person on this Board. I keep each person informed of each issue. As Board President, I have been respectful. To be disrespected is inexcusable.
- *Meadows* thanks those who voted for her as an elected official. She appreciates the position of being an elected official. She has been elected by this public to serve these students. Her motive for being on the Board is to serve the student body.
- *Ream Gainsley*: Addresses the reasoning behind speaking to the Superintendent. Our job, as Board members, is to be the ears and to listen to constituent complaints. You do not take it to the Board, you do not make it a Board issue. You inform the Superintendent if it is a District level issue. If a school level issue, you encourage talking to the teacher/principal. I swore to uphold the laws of the State and the Constitution. My only motivation was to say I heard this complaint; I want you to be aware of it. If this were an unjust law -- to have someone live outside the District serve as an elected official in that District -- I would fight against it, but I think, in concept, it is a good law. People should live in the community they represent. It is Michigan law. The only action I have taken is to make sure this Board is doing things on the up and up. At this point it is in the hands of the court; they will decide. I can not take an accusation and not inform the Superintendent.
- *Hawkins*: I appreciate you saying you felt it was your duty to take it to Superintendent. Board matters should be taken to the Board President. This was a Board matter. This was not a District matter and you did not come to me directly with this information.
- *Ream Gainsley* apologizes.
- *Hawkins*: The implication in the community is somehow President Hawkins has been sitting on information for months and has done nothing about it. That is an attack on my character and integrity. I absolutely will follow law. I absolutely did my due diligence. I do not hear that narrative anywhere in the community. I am not on social media, but I know there are many

platforms with information that is not factual. As Board members, we have responsibility that if we have friends and colleagues, we should fact check and tell them "no this did not happen", or, "this did happen". Instead, we allow things to take root that are untrue. You say you brought this to the Superintendent because you thought it was who you should take it to. As a Board member, this was a Board issue. It was direct attempt to undermine me and my leadership. There is no other reason why you never called me about it. I did due diligence and sent all the same information. No one before Monday, September 23rd came to me to say this was still an issue. Not one Board member. So the no surprises violation did happen. We are focusing on an issue that has nothing to do with kids. This is an adult issue. We have mechanisms that could have handled this in a number of different ways. There was choice and intentionality on how this was brought out.

- *Ream Gainsley* apologizes for not bringing this to Hawkins first. Her understanding of the issue, at that time, was that it was a District issue and it concerned being brought to her. It was not until the email that she realized it was a Board issue.
- *Hawkins*: It is a Board member. How is this a District issue?
- *Ream Gainsley*: I am new here, but that was my understanding and I apologize.
- *Hawkins*: You say you are new, but you were at our meeting on the 23rd as though you were a prosecuting attorney yourself, with all the facts you laid out and what we should do. As a Board member, new or not, we should seek to understand rather than be misunderstood and we should assume positive intention.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: P. Gutzman

Date Approved: _____

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

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR | SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 5:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by an Erickson student and Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross.

Please note that at this meeting, the YCS Board of Education is operating as a six-member Board of Education.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Treasurer Gillian Ream Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Sharon Lee, Trustee Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Erickson Elementary Points of Pride included: 1) Peer Mentors in Training; 2) Proactive 4th Graders; 3) Caught Being a Leader; 4) Books Pals; 5) Back to School Kick Off; 6) Robotics, and; 7) Building Network Systems Installation.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 5/Yes; 0/No.

PRESENTATIONS

Technology Department Review 2019: Nik Jackson, Director of Technology, presented a Department review. Dialogue on PowerPoint presentation, including: 1) Technology Ticket Counts; 2) Lab Deployment; 3) Security Camera Systems, and; 4) Looking Ahead.

Statement Regarding Status of Board Member Residency Show Cause Hearing. Hawkins read the following aloud:

A Show Cause hearing was held in the pending litigation regarding a board vacancy on October 9, 2019. At the hearing, the Judge did not rule on whether the Board member in question is a resident of the Ypsilanti Community School District; rather, the Judge scheduled an evidentiary hearing on October 24, 2019. The Judge also ruled that the 30-day requirement to fill the vacant seat is enjoined until after the evidentiary hearing. As a result, the Board is precluded from further action in this matter until additional orders are issued in the litigation. Further, the case is still pending litigation in which the Board of Education and each individual Board member are named as parties. Therefore, the Board will make no further comment regarding the case at this time.

We understand the attention this case has received raises questions from the public and it is difficult not to respond. However, it is prudent to remember that the Board and all individual Board members are named individually. Therefore, all Board members have a fiduciary obligation to ensure they act in a manner that does not compromise the Board or the District. The Board has a Board member ethics policy. As always, all provisions of the Bylaw apply to Board members at all times. However, two provisions of the Bylaw are especially important to

remember during litigation, which are as follows: As members of the Board of Education, Board members will strive to improve public education and to that end they will:

Item J. avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using their Board positions for personal partisan gain;

Item K. take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law ... [Board Policy 0144.2 – Board Member Ethics].

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Shoshana DeMaria, representing NAACP, commented on calls they are receiving regarding Board member residency, and, emphasis on the business of students. Lee Tooson commented, briefly, of the removal of a Board member.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) September 23, 2019 special meeting minutes; 2) September 23, 2019 regular meeting minutes, and; 3) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated October 18, 2019: Retirements, New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler
Action Recorded: 5/Yes; 0/No.

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Field Trip, YCHS Choir

MOTION TO approve the out-of-state and overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School Choir to New Orleans, Louisiana and Nashville, Tennessee in April 2020.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Ream Gainsley
Action Recorded: 5/Yes; 0/No.

Donation: CTE Collision, Farmers Insurance

MOTION TO accept a donation of a salvage vehicle to the Career & Technical Education program, with an estimated value in excess of \$1,000 in present condition.

Motion by Ream Gainsley, supported by Lee
Action Recorded: 5/Yes; 0/No.

Donation: Unite Community Church, Erickson Elementary

MOTION TO accept an \$8,100 cash donation from Unite Community Church on behalf of Erickson Elementary.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler
Action Recorded: 5/Yes; 0/No.

RESOLUTION: Celebrate Our Principals | National Principals Month

MOTION TO adopt the Resolution to Celebrate Our Building Leaders, commemorating the month of October as National Principals Month.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Ream Gainsley
Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes
Yes: Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Schindler, Hawkins

Comments: Zachery-Ross complimented building leaders who are extraordinary, and go above-and-beyond. These leaders were honored with a breakfast at the beginning of October. Hawkins thanked building leaders who work tirelessly. Ream Gainsley shared her recent experience in an elementary building. Zachery-Ross read the resolution aloud.

DISCUSSION

FIRST READ | Draft Policy, NEOLA #2410 | Prohibition of Referral/Assistance (Amendment to State School Aid Act Board Policy Requirement): Zachery-Ross commented Board Members have confidential information from our attorney regarding this draft policy. This is part of the School Aid budget Governor Whitmer recently signed. If a policy is not adopted, there is risk of losing State Aid monies. Zachery-Ross read aloud the draft policy received from legal counsel Ream Gainsley comments on mimicking this policy as a "state-mandated policy", as Ann Arbor did. Hawkins comments the Board Policy Subcommittee can have further conversation. Dialogue on a deadline, First Read delay with the cancelled meeting, and, scheduled approval.

The Board recessed at 6:22 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2 *(Moved up, from after Equity and Inclusion Presentation)*

Amanda Smith commented on the draft policy presented tonight. *Edward Dance* commented on Board solidarity and focusing on the future. *Lavada Weathers* commented on the draft policy and Board member residency.

MEMBERS OF YCS ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET IN ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE FOLLOWING SESSION: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez, Director of Student Support Services Ruth Jordan, Director of Human Resources Sue McCarty, Office of Communications/Marketing Jerilyn Lynn, Board Secretary Paula Gutzman

EQUITY AND INCLUSION PRESENTATION: Dorinda Carter Andrews, Ed.D., Professor & Chairperson of Teacher Education at Michigan State University, led discussion and activities in followup to work done in August -- Effective School Board Operations: Courageous Conversations about Race, Schooling and Decision-Making. Dialogue on ways to promote equity, including: 1) The Big Picture; 2) Board Priorities; 3) Guiding Questions; 4) Brainstorming and Planning; 5) What Stuck?, and; 6) a Self-Assessment that Board members and Cabinet members in attendance participated in.

OTHER

- *Lee* recently attended her first WISD Head Start meeting; next month is a next meeting.
- *Hawkins* spoke on a list of events for Board member sign up.
- *Lee* spoke of the ACCE luncheon and turkey donations.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Ream Gainsley* commented on her tour of 10 YCS buildings.
- *Zachery-Ross* commented on the work with Dr. Dorinda Carter Andrews being helpful for her and Administrative Cabinet to move this work forward.
- *Hawkins* acknowledged and apologized to the community for the cancellation of the last Board meeting. There was no Board quorum, so the meeting had to be cancelled. Spoke of rescheduling the topics of that meeting to tonight's agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman

Date Approved: _____

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



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

Monday, October 28, 2019 (Meeting #1 of 2)

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards (5:39 arrival), Trustee Ellen Champagne (5:34 arrival), Trustee Sharon Lee, Trustee Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Gillian Ream Gainsley

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

(Champagne arrival)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peri Stone-Palmquist commented on the Student Code of Conduct and student hearings.

(Sheler-Edwards arrival)

ACHIEVEMENT, ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE: Safety Net

Dr. Carlos Lopez, Assistant Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint on The ABC's of Education - Attendance, Behavior, and Cognitive Data. Some information included in the Board packet/PowerPoint is for Board review, as the information was presented previously. Information included: 1) Performance Management | tracking multiple pieces of data; 2) Intense Student Support Network (ISSN); 3) Attendance Data; 4) Behavior Data; 5) Teaching Students Executive Functioning Skills; 6) Academic Achievement (Instructional Infrastructure), and; 7) Assessment Data. A Board request, for the future, of data by cohort.

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Schindler commented on policy work.

OTHER: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:26 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman

Date Approved: _____

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

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (Meeting #2 of 2)

Monday, October 28, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Ypsilanti Community High School (YCHS) ACTech/Freshman Academy students and Jason White, ACTech 9th Grade SLC Leader/Freshmen Academy. YCHS Principal Cory Gildersleeve introduced ACTech SLC Leaders Mr. Parker (10th Grade Leader) and Ms. Smith (11th/12th Grade Leader).

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Gillian Ream Gainsley

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

YCHS ACTech Points of Pride included: 1) Homecoming Celebration; 2) Senior Lock-In; 3) ACTech Seniors @ Jack & Jill College Scholarship Fair; 4) CTE & Collision Repair Education Foundation Recognition; 5) CTE Culinary Exams, NASA Space Station & Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association Recognition; 6) 9th Graders Invite to EMU Operation Education, and; 7) PBIS Reward Program.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

Gun Safe at Ypsilanti Community High School: Derrick Jackson, Community Engagement Director | Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), dialogued with an introduction on background information and what the WCSO believes to be the best practice recommendation around school safety. A recommendation for a gun safe comes from travel around the country and gathering information. A gun safe is for "long guns". This information will also be shared with other Washtenaw county schools. The idea is to limit getting hurt and saving lives. Board member comments included interest in hearing from staff on how they feel about this, and, what are other schools doing.

Ypsilanti Community High School (YCHS) Master Schedule: YCHS Principal Cory Gildersleeve facilitated this PowerPoint presentation, assisted by YCHS Assistant Principal and Student Support Services Supervisor Amanda Rawsky, YCHS Assistant Principal Raymond Alvarado, YCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Lawrence Reeves, and, Dual Enrollment Specialist Rob Cannon. Also in attendance were YCHS Counselors Tonysha Emerson and Ted Booker. Presentation items included: 1) YCHS Goals; 2) Top Priorities; 3) Highlights; 4) Modified Master Schedule: Background; 5) Transition Preparation: Considerations; 6) YCHS Vision; 7) Team Work at YCHS; 8) Impact on YCHS; 9) Why the Block A/B and C Day Format?; 10) The 'C' Day; 11) "The Basics" of the New ABC Modified Block Schedule; 12) A Sample Schedule; 13) Sample Classroom Format; 14) Advisory Schedule; 15) Programming; 16) Changes to STEMM Requirements; 17) YCHS Enhanced Pathway Enrollment; 18) STEMM Commitment Timeline; 19) STEMM Criteria; 20) Stakeholder Involvement, and; 21) Links to Support a Block Schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Shoshana DeMaria and Lee Tooson commented on the return of Trustee Meadows to the Board. Tooson also spoke on "long guns". Dontonette Patterson-Dykes commented on teacher expectations and bussing.

NEW HIRES & RESIGNATIONS APPROVAL

Approval of Personnel Matters

MOTION TO approve the personnel matters as per the attached list dated October 23, 2019:

New Hires & Resignations.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Field Trip, Ypsilanti Community High School Bands

MOTION TO approve the out-of-"country" and overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School bands to Toronto, ON, Canada in April 2020.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

Pediatric Therapy Associates

MOTION TO approve the contract with Pediatric Therapy Associates for a service period of 'no earlier than August 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020', for an amount not to exceed \$277,907.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

Note: Champagne requests additional information on currently trending downward in staff for reliance on these agencies.

ACTION ITEMS, Other

Michigan Association of School Boards Alternate Delegate

MOTION TO appoint Trustee Sharon Lee as Board representative to the position of Michigan Association of School Boards alternate delegate, effective October 29, 2019 through the next Organizational Meeting in January 2020.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

DISCUSSION

SECOND READ: Draft Policy, NEOLA #2410 | Prohibition of Referral/Assistance: Board discussion on this policy regarding abortion. The State has placed requirements on Districts. Collins and Blaha P.C. provided this draft policy in response to the State requirement. The Board Policy Subcommittee met, including a review of how Ann Arbor Schools handled this. East Lansing did not take this policy; they will incur the penalty. Additional language around due process is important. The suggestion was to adopt this policy, and the Policy Subcommittee can review again at a later date.

ACTION ITEM, Policy Language Approval: Draft Policy, NEOLA #2410 | Prohibition of Referral/Assistance

AMENDED MOTION: MOTION TO adopt the Prohibition of Referral or Assistance draft policy (NEOLA #2410), as presented and that it be listed under YCS Board policies in a new section headed State-mandated policies.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

Note: This language comes to us from our legal team as a suggestion, and not the State.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: None

OTHER

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Meadows* shared she would be unable to attend the upcoming student expulsion hearing; survey of trustees who may be able to attend. Expresses being grateful to serve on the Board.
- *Schindler* commented on the number of suspensions of early childhood students, and policy/guidelines for suspensions.
- *Superintendent Zachery-Ross* commented on her recent time spent in the buildings, and behaviors that are harmful and lack of support from other agencies.
- *Schindler* inquires on if suspension helps the behavior. Ruth Jordan, Director of Student Support Services, spoke on partnerships: Michigan Family Matters, Washtenaw ISD, our Instructional Coaches and physicians. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez spoke on race, how we address and executive functions.
- *Zachery-Ross* commented on some behavior she witnessed was just about a choice.
- *Hawkins* commented on the school/prison pipeline.
- *Zachery-Ross* shared HighScope has been a resource in our backyard.
- *Hawkins* requests continuing to monitor.
- *Zachery-Ross* informs of the Board meeting next week due to the dates of this year's Michigan Association of School Boards conference ending date.
- *Sheler-Edwards* commented on the YCS Foundation meeting.
- *Zachery-Ross* spoke of the BoardDocs alternate date for training for those who did not attend previous training sessions: November 18th. 6:30 p.m. is start time for the Board training via webinar.
- *Hawkins* leads discussion on upcoming District events that are relevant to Board members attending and who will attend: 1) Estabrook, NED Kindness Adventure Assembly on November 18th - Attendees, Schindler, ? and Hawkins; 2) ACCE Community Luncheon November 26th - Attendees, Sheler-Edwards and Hawkins (Lee is donating a turkey).
- *Zachery-Ross* shared that this process, Board event signup, will now be electronic.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman

Date Approved: _____

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



**MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARINGS**

Student #2019.1029A

Student #2019.1029B

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 (Meetings #1 and #2 combined into one meeting)

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at approximately 5:10 p.m. (delayed arrival of student's family).

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins (7:18 approximate departure), Treasurer Gillian Ream Gainsley (7:18 approximate departure), Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Brenda Meadows, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards, Trustee Meredith Schindler

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Amended.

Motion by Lee

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING #1: Student #2019.1029A

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: Section 8(b) OMA, Student Discipline

Re: Student #2019.1029A ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education convene in closed session under Section 8(b) of the OMA to consider a student disciplinary matter, pursuant to the request of the parent.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Hawkins

The meeting was called to closed session at 5:16 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEM: STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION, Student #2019.1029A, See Below

President Hawkins communicates that rather than making a decision on the Student Discipline Resolution at this time, we will move into the 2nd Student Disciplinary Hearing due to time constraints. (Two meetings become "one".)

STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING #2: Student #2019.1029B

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: Section 8(b) OMA, Student Discipline

Re: Student #2019.1029B ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education convene in closed session under Section 8(b) of the OMA to consider a student disciplinary matter, pursuant to the request of the Student Advocacy Center on behalf of the parent.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Hawkins

The meeting was called to closed session at 6:09 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at approximately 7:18 p.m.

(Hawkins & Ream Gainsley departure at meeting "reconvene" to open session)

Lack of Board quorum to continue meeting.

~~**ACTION ITEM: STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION, Student #2019-1029A. Resolution will be moved to at end of meeting, along with 2nd Student Discipline Hearing Resolution**~~

~~Regarding the student know to the Board as **#2019-1029A** ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the Board Resolution for Student Discipline.~~

No Vote Taken at this Meeting; Vote/Decision Planned for November 4, 2019 Board Meeting

~~**ACTION ITEM: STUDENT DISCIPLINE RESOLUTION, Student #2019-1029B. Resolution will be moved to at end of meeting, along with 2nd Student Discipline Hearing Resolution**~~

~~Regarding the student know to the Board as **#2019-1029B** ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the Board Resolution for Student Discipline.~~

No Vote Taken at this Meeting; Vote/Decision Planned for November 4, 2019 Board Meeting

OTHER

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

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

Minutes Prepared By: Paula Gutzman

Enclosure #2

RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE, Student #2019.1029A

Meeting of 11/4/2019

Presented by Alena Zachery-Ross

Prepared by Paula Gutzman

<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action – Roll Call <input type="checkbox"/> Action – Voice Ayes _____ Nays _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

The Board of Education held a student disciplinary hearing on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if the referenced student would be expelled from school due to the alleged violation(s). The Board of Education is the only body empowered to expel students from Ypsilanti Community Schools.

The Board was presented with evidence of the charges by the building administration. The student was not in attendance at the hearing; however, an adult family member did attend. The family member/representative was offered time to present and offer input. The Board was presented with closing statements from both building administration and the family representative. Recommendations/requests were presented to the Board.

The decision process and possible decisions of the hearing panel were explained. Board members in attendance of the hearing will present or will prepare a recommendation for a vote by the Board of Education at our next regular meeting. After review of the recommendation, the Board of Education will determine whether to adopt the Board Resolution of Discipline.

Proposed Motion

"Regarding the student known to the Board as #2019.1029A ... move that the Board of Education adopt the Board Resolution for Student Discipline."

Budget Impact: ☒ None ☐ As follows:

Attachments:

☐ Enclosed ☒ To Be Distributed Separately ☒ To Be Distributed @ Meeting ☐ None

Enclosure #3
RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE, Student #2019.1029B
Meeting of 11/4/2019
Presented by Alena Zachery-Ross
Prepared by Paula Gutzman

<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action – Roll Call <input type="checkbox"/> Action – Voice Ayes _____ Nays _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
	1 st /2 nd							
	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

The Board of Education held a student disciplinary hearing on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if the referenced student would be expelled from school due to the alleged violation(s). The Board of Education is the only body empowered to expel students from Ypsilanti Community Schools.

The Board was presented with evidence of the charges by the building administration. The student and parent/representatives were offered time to present and offer input. The Board was presented with closing statements from both building administration and the student and parent/representatives. Recommendations/requests were presented to the Board.

The decision process and possible decisions of the hearing panel were explained. Board members in attendance of the hearing will present or will prepare a recommendation for a vote by the Board of Education at this meeting, *our next regular meeting*. After review of the recommendation, the Board of Education will determine whether to adopt the Board Resolution of Discipline.

Proposed Motion

"Regarding the student known to the Board as #2019.1029B ... move that the Board of Education adopt the Board Resolution for Student Discipline."

Budget Impact: ☒ None ☐ As follows:

Attachments:

☐ Enclosed
 ☒ To Be Distributed Separately
 ☒ To Be Distributed @ Meeting
 ☐ None

Enclosure #4
APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP, YCHS/NBSE Jr Chapter
Meeting of 11/4/19
Presented by Alena Zachery-Ross
Prepared by Paula Gutzman

<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action – Roll Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action – Voice Ayes _____ Nays _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

Re: National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. Regional Conference

Trip Requested By: Lynne Settles, Teacher

Class: Ypsilanti Community High School/ NBSE Jr. Chapter

Destination: Amway Grand Plaza; Grand Rapids, MI

Trip Date: Friday, November 15 – Sunday, November 17, 2019

See attached Field Trip Request Form for additional details.

Proposed Motion

" move that the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School National Society of Black Engineers Jr. Chapter to the Regional Conference/career fair in Grand Rapids, November 15 – 17, 2019 ."

Budget Impact: ☐ None ☒ As follows:

Fundraising & District Account Monies

Attachments:

☒ Enclosed ☐ Issue Study Enclosed ☐ To Be Distributed at Meeting ☐ None



Ypsilanti Community Schools

Attach a list of the students involved or the potential students involved.

Name: Lynne Settles

School/Class: YCHS/NSBE jr. chapter

Request Date: 10/22/2019 **Trip Date:** Arrival Friday, Nov 15th by noon,
Departure Sunday, Nov. 17th by 11am

Number of Students: 20

Trip Destination: Amway Grand Plaza, Curio Collection by Hilton
187 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503 (NSBE region 4 conference)

Purpose of trip: YCHS NSBE jr students will be able to take part in the career fair knowledge filled workshops that will be provided, the key to success is everywhere. With more workshops catered to NSBE Jr and International Students.

Details about cost: YCHS NSBE jr. team is raising money to attend this confrence and they have some money in their district account.

Account or funding source for trip: YCHS NSBE jr. team is raising money to attend this confrence and they have some money in their district account.

Will subs be needed? no **Account for subs:**

How this trip fits with the curriculum: STEM based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach.

Number of Staff/Chaperones: 2

<u>Chaperone Name</u> (If Available)	<u>Relationship to Students</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Lynne Settles	Art teacher	734-...

Specific learning objectives to be accomplished:

- (1) To provide the students with knowledge about ways to incorporate 21st century content and skills such as Creativity, Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving, Communication,
- (2) knowledge and understanding of scientific inquiry, process skills, concepts, and application relative to STEM areas.

Student outcomes and learning as a result of taking this trip: Students will have a better understanding of what it is like to study in the fields of STEM, and the variety of different areas of study related to STEM and its inter connection to other careers.

Course/Class curriculum, big ideas, or essential questions enforced: What is it like to be an Engineer?

Pre-Trip lessons/activities:

Students will be looking at the workshops offered and signing up in advance and coming back with information to present a report to the rest of the team

Follow-Up lessons/activities to reinforce/extend learning:

Students will take what they learned to help them get prepared to attend the National NSBE conference in March 2020.

I have utilized the guidelines in 2340A to plan, conduct, and evaluate the trip and, upon approval of the trip, I will obtain parental permission (2340 F2 or F2A) and use the Checklist for Trips (2340 F3)

Field Trip Approval

Trip Approved: ☒ Not Approved: ☐

Principal:

Date:

Trip Approved: ☒ Not Approved: ☐

Asst.

Superintendent:

Date:

(over)

Transportation Department

(To be completed by the originator of the field trip)

Date of Trip:

Destination:

Departure Time:

Return Time:

Number of Buses:

Enclosure #5
ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, June 2019
Meeting of 11/4/19
*Presented by **Priya Nayak***
*Prepared by **Paula Gutzman***

<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action – Roll Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action – Voice Ayes _____ Nays _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

Rehmann Robson, and independent accounting firm, has audited our financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019. The audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Act Compliance report for the year ended June 30, 2019 can be found under our November 4, 2019 Regular Meeting link on our website:

[https://www.ycschools.us/downloads/board_meetings_2019-2020/ypsilanti_schools - fs 6-30-19 final.pdf](https://www.ycschools.us/downloads/board_meetings_2019-2020/ypsilanti_schools_-_fs_6-30-19_final.pdf)

Proposed Motion

“ move that the Board of Education accept the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2019, as audited by independent accounting firm Rehmann Robson.”

Budget Impact: ☒ **None** ☐ **As follows:**

Attachments:

☐ **Enclosed** ☒ **Available on YCS Website @ Above Link** ☐ **To Be Distributed at Meeting** ☐ **None**

Enclosure #6
ADOPTION OF SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION, 2020 Tax Year
Meeting of 11/4/19
*Presented by **Priya Nayak***
*Prepared by **Paula Gutzman***

<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action – Roll Call <input type="checkbox"/> Action – Voice Ayes _____ Nays _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

Ypsilanti Community Schools currently has a summer tax levy of 100%. It is recommended that we continue with this authorization for the 2020 tax year. The Summer Tax Resolution supports the ongoing resolution, imposing a 100% summer tax levy.

This is a standard resolution that is approved annually in order to collect taxes during the summer. A copy of the adopted resolution must be filed with each city and township within YCS boundaries on or before December 31, 2019.

Proposed Motion

" move that the Board of Education adopt the Summer Tax Resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, for the 2020 Tax Year."

Budget Impact: ☐ None ☒ **As follows:**
General Fund

Attachments:

☐ Enclosed ☒ To Be Distributed at Meeting ☐ None

**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 4th day of the November, 2019, at 6:30 in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Hawkins, President.

Present: Members Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Brenda Meadows, Maria Sheler-Edwards, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Ellen Champagne, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler

Absent: Members 0

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Schindler and supported by Champagne.

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 on going resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of the 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 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 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.
4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in so far as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Hawkins, Meadows, Sheler-Edwards, Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Schindler

Nays: 0

Resolution Declared adopted 7/0

Maria Sheler-Edwards

Maria Sheler-Edwards

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 04, 2019, the original of which 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

Maria Sheler-Edwards

Secretary, Board of Education | Ypsilanti Community Schools

Enclosure #7
ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION: Toyota, Donor
Meeting of 11/4/19
Presented by Alena Zachery-Ross
Prepared by Paula Gutzman

<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Action – Roll Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action – Voice Ayes _____ Nays _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

Toyota wishes to donate an additional 62 laptop computers, as per Nik Jackson's email dated October 28, 2019. With these donated laptops, Technology would load them with the latest operating system and productivity software. Donations would be distributed among teaching staff. The donation amount of the laptops received is valued in excess of \$1,000.

Thank you, Toyota, - again - for making a difference for our YCS family!

Proposed Motion

" move that the Board of Education accept the donation of 62 laptop computers, valued in excess of \$1,000, from Toyota."

Budget Impact: ☒ None ☐ As follows:

Attachments:

☒ Enclosed ☐ Issue Study Enclosed ☐ To Be Distributed at Meeting ☐ None

10/30/2019

Ypsilanti Community Schools Mail - Computer Donations from NSF and Toyota



Paula Gutzman <pgutzman8@ycschools.us>

Computer Donations from NSF and Toyota

3 messages

Nikki Jackson <njackson6@ycschools.us>
To: Paula Gutzman <pgutzman8@ycschools.us>

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 2:11 PM

Toyota - Seeking board approval for 62 laptop donations from Toyota. With these donated laptops, Technology will load them with the latest operating system and productivity software and will be distributed among teaching staff.

NSF International of Ann Arbor - Seeking board approval for 200 laptop donations from NSF International of Ann Arbor. With these donated laptops, Technology will load them with the latest operating system and student productivity software and will be distributed as student work stations. The priority will be ACCE, Middle School, Estabrook, Holmes, YIES, Erickson.

Thank you!

V/R,

Nik Jackson
Director of Technology
Ypsilanti Community Schools
njackson6@ycschools.us



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[Website](#)



Enclosure #8
ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION
NSF International of Ann Arbor, Donor
Meeting of 11/4/19
Presented by Alena Zachery-Ross
Prepared by Paula Gutzman

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Discussion</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Action – Roll Call</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Action – Voice</i> <i>Ayes</i> _____ <i>Nays</i> _____		Brenda Meadows	Gillian Ream Gainsley	Ellen Champagne	Sharon Lee	Meredith Schindler	Maria Sheler-Edwards	Celeste Hawkins
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	Aye							
	Nay							
	Abstain							

Rationale/Background Information

NSF International of Ann Arbor wishes to donate 200 laptop computers, as per Nik Jackson's email dated October 28, 2019. Technology would load these donated laptops with the latest operating system and student productivity software, and then, would distribute them as student work stations. Priority would be the Achieving Career & College Education program, Ypsilanti Community Middle School, Estabrook Elementary, Holmes Elementary, Ypsilanti International Elementary School and Erickson Elementary.

The donation amount of the laptops received is valued in excess of \$1,000.

*Thank you, NSF International of Ann Arbor ...
for supporting our students!*

Proposed Motion

" move that the Board of Education accept the donation of 200 laptop computers, valued in excess of \$1,000, from NSF International of Ann Arbor."

Budget Impact: ☒ None ☐ As follows:

Attachments:

See 10/28/19 email attached with Toyota donation

☒ Enclosed ☐ Issue Study Enclosed ☐ To Be Distributed at Meeting ☐ None