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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Monday, November 4, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President David Bates at 6:33 p.m. in the Administration Building Professional Development Room, 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

David Bates, Don Garrett, Celeste Hawkins, Gregory Myers, Maria Sheler-Edwards, Tony VanDerworp

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Dan Raglin

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Education and audience members began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

There were no agenda adjustments.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Topics Included: an invitation was issued to the Board of Education and audience members to attend the Washtenaw Regional Organization Coalition (WeRoc) founding meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on November 10 at 4 p.m. to build community voice in public affairs and community issues.

## PRESENTATION

Early Childhood Advisory Committee Update

Margy Long, Director of the Washtenaw Success by 6 Great Start Collaborative, and Leslie Chase, Alicia Kruk, and Susan Miller, members of the Early Childhood Advisory Committee, provided an update to the Board of Education. Ms. Long announced that committee member Camarrah Morgan was ill and could not attend the meeting. She introduced additional members of the Early Childhood Advisory Committee who were in the audience.

Margy Long stated the committee's purpose was to recommend to the Board of Education a research and evidence based early childhood system that ensures all children enter kindergarten ready to succeed, gives families access to services as an integrated

component of the Ypsilanti Community Schools cradle to career continuum, and helps families build a relationship with Ypsilanti Community Schools through early childhood programs. The presentation also included information on: goals, comprehensive model framework, improving school readiness for highest need students, family engagement, preschool services, community engagement, prenatal to age 3 services, increase in slots for all day preschool, expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program, a need for increased access to high quality low or no cost programs, goals for next year, Ypsilanti parent input, Family Resource Center models, and next steps.

## ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Trustee Myers, supported by Trustee Sheler-Edwards:**

**13-14 0127** That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 Regular Meeting and Closed Session and the hiring of the employees on the attached list and the resignation of Cynthia Guido. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

Adoption of Resolution in Opposition to Open Carry Firearms in Schools

**A motion was made by Trustee VanDerworp, supported by Trustee Garrett:**

**13-14 0128** That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution opposing open carry of firearms in schools and recommends amendment to the Michigan Penal Code, MCL 750.234d. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: President Bates/Yes; Vice-President Garrett/Yes; Trustee Myers/Yes; Trustee VanDerworp/Yes; Trustee Sheler-Edwards/Yes; Trustee Hawkins/Yes.

Approval of Snow Removal Contract

**A motion was made by Trustee Sheler-Edwards, supported by Trustee Hawkins:**

**13-14 0129** That the Board of Education approve as presented, the snow removal contract with Margolis Companies for November 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014, and authorize the administration to sign the legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: President Bates/Yes; Vice-President Garrett/Yes; Trustee Myers/Yes; Trustee VanDerworp/Yes; Trustee Sheler-Edwards/Yes; Trustee Hawkins/Yes.

Approval of Pediatric Therapy Associates Contract Addendums

**A motion was made by Trustee Hawkins, supported by Trustee Myers:**

13-14
0130 That the Board of Education approve the attached addendums to the contracted service agreement with Pediatric Therapy Associates, LLC. And also that administration is authorized to secure necessary signatures relating to the execution of legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: President Bates/Yes; Vice-President Garrett/Yes; Trustee Myers/Yes; Trustee VanDerworp/Yes; Trustee Sheler-Edwards/Yes; Trustee Hawkins/Yes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Superintendent Menzel reminded Board members of the Board Retreat scheduled for Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. that will focus on Cultural Proficiency. Mr. Menzel noted that it was the first anniversary of the historic election approving the consolidation of Ypsilanti Public Schools and Willow Run Community Schools that resulted in the formation of the Ypsilanti Community School district. Superintendent Menzel said NWEA testing is scheduled to begin November 18. He also referenced a First Eight Years report that he sent to Board members, saying it contained significant data. In conclusion, Mr. Menzel announced work on YCS 2.0 is beginning and work groups will be identified to engage in conversations regarding elementary configurations and a balanced calendar.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

President Bates and Trustee Sheler-Edwards provided a report on the recent Michigan Association of School Boards Fall Conference. Their report included information on the Delegate Assembly, CBA Class topics and materials, and the keynote speaker.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Myers, Secretary
Ypsilanti Board of Education

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11-4-13 Board Meeting
New HIres and Resignation

| Name | Salary | Location | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hill, John | $10.00/hr | Middle School | Paraeducator |
| Shafer, Seth | $10.00/hr | Estabrook | Paraeducator |
| Sprague, Beverly | $18.00/hr | Adult Ed | ESL Teacher |
| Pillar, Andrea | $8.50/hr | Perry | Lunchroom Supervisor |
| Novack, Donna | $40,000 | Estabrook | Spec Education Teacher |
| Cofield, Anthony | $15.00/hr | District Foodservice | Utility Driver/Mail Delivery |
| Wilson, Shannon | $11.44/hr | High School Foodservice | Cook |
| Glaze, Lea | $10.00/hr | Perry | Paraeducator |
| Taylor, Delores | $8.50/hr | Ford | Lunchroom Supervisor |
| Brown, Lianna | $40,000 | Holmes | 4th Grade |
| Moe, Catherine | $58,000 | Holmes | Spec Ed - Speech Therapist |
| Aldrich, Elaine | $44,000 | Erickson | Spec Ed - Resource Room |
| Drefke, Lorra | $40,000 | Middle School | Spec Ed - Teacher |
| Nicholson, Alfred | $51,293.25 | High School JROTC | Senior Aerospace Science Instructor |

| **Resignation** |
|---|
| Cynthia Guido |

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# OPEN CARRY FIREARMS IN SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS:**

1. MCL 28.425o(1)(a) stipulates that "an individual licensed under this act to carry a concealed pistol . . .shall not carry a concealed pistol on the premises of . . .a school or school property. . . ; and
2. MCL 750.234d prohibits the possession of firearms in banks, places of worship, courts, theaters, sports arenas, day care centers, hospitals, and bars, but does not prohibit open carry firearms in public schools; and
3. Schools have been targeted and victimized by gun violence; and
4. The intent of a person entering a public school with an open carry firearm would be unknown, staff are not qualified to determine a person's status to carry an open firearm, and in the interest of safety it is not reasonable to take the time to make that determination; and
5. It is the school district's responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff; and
6. Per the Ypsilanti Community Schools A.L.I.C.E. procedure, a person entering an Ypsilanti Community School building with an open carry firearm will result in that building entering lock down status, therefore disrupting the educational environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education urges lawmakers to amend the Michigan Penal Code, MCL 750.234d, adding public schools to the list of entities at which a person shall not possess a firearm except as provided in subsection (2) of MCL 750.234d; and
2. The Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education also urges lawmakers to remove the exception (MCL 750.234d(2)(c)) for concealed weapons for those other than law enforcement; and
3. The Secretary of the Board of Education or his designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to our designated State lawmakers Senator Rebekah Warren, Representative David Rutledge, Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville and Governor Rick Snyder, as well as the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**By** David R. Bates
David R. Bates, President

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Gregory Myers, Secretary

**ADOPTED:** 11-4-2013