

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: November 4, 2019



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