

## **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, November 4, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Perry Early Learning Center (ELC) students and Principal Lindsey Segrist.

#### **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*

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Perry ELC Points of Pride included: 1) Perry Teachers at November NCTE Conference; 2) Robotics Teams; 3) Perry Hosts Foster Grandparents; 4) Safe Spaces; 5) Principals Present at American Association of School Administrators; 6) Science Curriculum Engagement, and; 7) Cooking Club.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Accepted as Presented

*Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler*

*Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No*

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Salvation Army/Feeding His Sheep Program Update: Volunteer Kim Hoppe and Pastor Sherrie of Ypsilanti Free Methodist Church led a program update. The program, housed at Chapelle School, provides weekend breakfast/lunch for at least 150 families. This program services YCS families, along with Lincoln and Whitmore Lake families. Information was also shared on the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family holiday program, which adopts approximately 70-80 families. The Washtenaw Housing Alliance's HAWC (Housing Access for Washtenaw County; for those experiencing a housing crisis) program has temporary hotel vouchers for families in need. Lastly, the Grow U program works to strengthen families in the District. This year, they provide literacy tutors at Estabrook.

2018/19 Annual Financial Audit Conclusion: Rehmann Robson is an independent accounting firm, who has audited the YCS financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019. Principal Executive/1st Year Audit Principal Nathan Baldermann presented highlights of the year ended June 30, 2019 audit report. This audit report can be found 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)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS #1**

*Amanda Smith* commented on the YCS Foundation Board. *Peri Stone-Palmquist*, Student Advocacy Center, spoke on behalf of a student facing disciplinary action.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION TO 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 and 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.

*Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee*  
*Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No*

**ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs**

**Student Discipline Resolution: Student #2019.1029A**

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

*Motion by Champagne, supported by Lee*

*Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes*

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

Note: Champagne read aloud the Board Resolution for Student Discipline, Student #2019.1029A.

**Student Discipline Resolution: Student #2019.1029B**

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

*Motion by Champagne, supported by Lee*

*Roll Call Vote: 5/2 Yes; Motion Passes*

*Yes: Meadows, Champagne, Lee, Schindler, Hawkins*

Note: Champagne read aloud the Board Resolution for Student Discipline for Student #2019.1029B.

**Field Trip, YCHS/NBSE Jr. Chapter**

MOTION TO 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.

*Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows*

*Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No*

**ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance**

**2018/19 Annual Financial Audit Report**

MOTION TO accept the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2019, as audited by independent accounting firm Rehmann Robson.

*Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler*

*Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No*

**Summer Tax Resolution**

MOTION TO 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.

*Motion by Schindler, supported by Champagne*

*Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes*

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

**ACTION ITEMS, Other**

**Donation: District | Toyota Donor**

MOTION TO accept the donation of 62 laptop computers, valued in excess of \$1,000, from Toyota.

*Motion by Meadows, supported by Schindler*

*Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No*

**Donation: District | NSF International of Ann Arbor**

MOTION TO accept the donation of 200 laptop computers, valued in excess of \$1,000, from NSF International of Ann Arbor.

*Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler*

*Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS #2**

*Lavada Weathers* acknowledged all Board members being in attendance at this meeting, and, commented in response to Stone-Palmquist's public comments on a student disciplinary action, including homework.

**OTHER:** *None*

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

- *Meadows* commented on communication with a national organization for young girls, who may like to have conversation to help students living in urban communities. Conversation also with a Foundation, who may be interested in providing funds.
- *Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross* shared she and Perry Principal Lindsey Segrist will present at the upcoming AASA/Early Childhood Conference, referencing the 50-year historic Perry research project and the partnership with HighScope. The Michigan Department of Education State Superintendent, Dr. Michael Rice, will visit some YCS elementary buildings on the afternoon of November 8th; afterwards he will end his visit with conversation with YCS Administration. This is an opportunity to highlight YCS.

Zachery-Ross cancelled her attendance at the upcoming NABSE conference. Instead, she will attend a historic event at Grand Valley State University, who has their first female president. In celebration, they have chosen one person to represent each decade of the school's existence. Zachery-Ross has been honored to represent the 1990s decade. She will also represent YCS.

- *Lee* inquired on the visit of the State Superintendent.
- *Zachery-Ross* had conversation with Dr. Michael Rice at the MASA Conference about the unique things going on in YCS. Dr. Rice is a previous Middle Cities superintendent during his time as Kalamazoo superintendent. He is very knowledgeable about stretching the dollar to meet the needs of the students. Before he was in office, he was invited to the June 15th Collaboration for Change event. There was conversation while he was still a Middle Cities superintendent. There was conversation with Dr. Rice, Washtenaw ISD Superintendent Dr. Scott Menzel and Zachery-Ross. Representative Ronnie Peterson also reached out to him. Dr. Rice is aware of YCS struggles and asked about work we can do and about our bonds and what we can do about that. He is aware of financial challenges. YCS is one of the first Districts Dr. Rice is visiting since becoming State Superintendent.
- *Hawkins* reminded the Board of following the expectation that if you will not attend a Board meeting, that you communicate this. Comments on moving forward in a positive direction.

*Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 p.m.*

*Attachment(s): RESOLUTION: Summer Tax*

*Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman*

*Date Approved: 1.13.20*



Secretary | Board of Education  
Ypsilanti Community Schools

## ANNUAL SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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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

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Secretary, Board of Education | Ypsilanti Community Schools