

## YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

### **MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:38 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Cassandra Sheriff and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students from YIES.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT**

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards, and Trustee Sharon Lee

#### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT**

Treasurer Gillian Ream Gainsley, Trustee Meredith Schindler, and Trustee Ellen Champagne

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED AGENDA**

Public Comments #1 was added

Presentation, Housing Access for Washtenaw Co. (HAWC) was removed

Motion by Lee, supported by Meadows

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS #1:** None

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Refinancing Opportunities (Enc. #2)

Bill Roche, Managing Director of Public Finance addressed the board on benefits of refinancing the "Willow Run" Bond(s).

Parent and Community Engagement (Enc. #3)

Dr. Carlos Lopez, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction addressed the board on what the committee is doing to engage students, parents, community members and partners in focus areas. The planning meeting with the committee and partners is scheduled for December 11, 2019 and the "Family and Community Empowerment" conference date is scheduled for March 14, 2020 at Ypsilanti Community High School.

#### **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS (Enc. #4)**

MOTION TO approve New Hires & Resignations

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Hawkins

#### **ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance**

MOTION TO approve Resolution to Adopt November Budget Amendment, 2019 (Enc. #5)

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Hawkins

**ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance**

MOTION TO approve GSRP Contract (Enc. #6)

Motion by Lee, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Hawkins

**ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance**

MOTION TO approve Resolution to Adopt 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan (Enc. #7)

Motion by Lee, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Lee, Sheler-Edwards, Hawkins

**PUBLIC COMMENTS #2**

**Amanda Smith** shared that she has a "Giving Tuesday" challenge that her family will match up to \$1,000 in donations made to the Foundation.

**OTHER:** None

**BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

- **Alena Zachery-Ross**, is thankful that Taryn Willis has returned from maternity leave and to the Amanda Smith family for the "Giving Tuesday" challenge.
- **Sharon Lee** thanked administration for the explanation of bonds, "It was very helpful and the public needs to be educated on bonds."

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary | Board of Education  
Ypsilanti Community Schools

Submitted By:

L. Nowling