

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, February 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:49 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in Spanish, led by Ypsilanti International Elementary School (YIES) students and Principal Cassandra Sheriff.

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

YIES Points of Pride included: 1) IB Application; 2) PYP & MYP Collaboration; 3) Spanish Curriculum; 4) Operation Appreciation; 5) YIES 5th Grade Students Anti-Bully Awareness Campaign; 6) 3rd Annual Blooming YIES Fundraiser; and; 7) Preschool Playground Enhancement.

ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED AGENDA: The "amended" agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

University of Michigan PROMISE IRBMED: *Promoting Resilience and Outreach through Multi-Tiered Interventions and Supportive Environments (PROMISE) for Success: A Trauma-Informed and Trauma-Responsive Community Intervention. IRB: Institutional Review Board.*

Dr. Polly Gipson, University of Michigan | Michigan Medicine; Department of Psychiatry - Clinical Associate Professor - Director, Trauma & Grief Clinic - Director, Frankel Psychotherapy Program led a presentation and answered questions on the grant received that will be implemented at Ypsilanti Community Middle School. Dr. Jessie Kimbrough Marshall, Medical Director | Washtenaw County Health Department also facilitated the presentation; Brenda Averett, YCS School Guidance Counselor was introduced as a team member.

Presentation included: 1) why addressing trauma matters; 2) what it means to be trauma-informed; 3) core elements of trauma-informed schools; 4) what has happened to you/how can we help/Project PROMISE, and; 5) opportunities v. threats. There was no action item to be voted on.

Roofing Bid | Estabrook Elementary & West Middle Schools: Brad Konvolinka, Area Manager/The Garland Company led a presentation and answered questions with Steve Burgess, Director of Facilities & Operations also participating. Burgess spoke of the sinking fund, which includes roofing.

Bidding went through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Program. Through this program, bidders are prequalified to bid. This process satisfies the legal bid requirements of the State and is, in fact, a more thorough process than the State bid website.

YCS received three bids. The presentation included: 1) bid process; 2) condition of roofs, and; 3) next steps after vendor selection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Glen Fitzhugh, representing the Sugarbrook neighborhood, and *Catherine White* commented on the Kettering property.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) January 28, 2019 special meeting minutes; 2) January 28, 2019 Organizational & regular meeting minutes; 3) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated February 1, 2019: New Hires.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

RESOLUTION: Roofing Bid Award, Estabrook & West: *Item Tabled to February 25, 2019*

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

OTHER: YCS Superintendent Conversation (Zachery-Ross was hired by the Board as an interim superintendent for 2018/19. Board plans were to conduct a superintendent search for a permanent superintendent for 2019/20.)

- *Hawkins* led conversation to honor the Board's commitment to the community that they would hire a permanent superintendent. *Hawkins* expressed satisfaction with Superintendent Zachery-Ross' performance thus far. She recommended to the Board to forego the superintendent search process and enter into contract conversations with Zachery-Ross.
- *Board members* all agreed to engaging in conversation with Zachery-Ross regarding a permanent contract.
- Per *Hawkins*, it is the consensus of the Board to enter into contract discussion with Zachery-Ross, and, there is affirmation among the Board for *Hawkins* to begin preliminary discussions to enter into this conversation.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Schindler* thanked *Hawkins* for discussion of the superintendent conversation so quickly. Praise to Zachery-Ross and Burgess for their efforts in restoring Ypsilanti Community High School after the recent flood damage.
- *Ream Gainsley* shared information on a library exhibit, highlighting two that are education related.
- *Meadows* thanked Zachery-Ross for her work and *Hawkins* for beginning conversation with regard to the YCS superintendency. Brief conversation on Board member assignments as school representatives. She also expressed interest in being a reader for (March is) reading month.
- *Champagne* would also like to be a guest reader for reading month. She shared information on a teacher of the year program. She offered to coordinate this work; Taryn Reid Willis | Communication & Marketing Coordinator will also participate.
- *Zachery-Ross* expressed thanks for the praise from the Board. She spoke of teamwork (principals, teachers, custodians, etc.) and "stronger together". Comments on National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) and inviting parent involvement daily.

- *Taryn Reid Willis* shared information on the upcoming Ypsilanti Community High School production for Black History Month, which includes a living museum. Thanks to YCHS staff member Harold Taylor for his efforts.
- *Hawkins* spoke of NAAPID showcasing student talent and Washtenaw Community College as the venue.
- *Board members* conversed on being representatives to the schools. Board decision is to not be assigned to schools; instead, would like a schedule of District events in which the Board will sign up to attend. This could be a Google Doc for events. This information would also be available for public view.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 p.m.

Date Approved: 2/25/2019



Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education
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