



MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 4, 2019 (Meeting #1 of 2)

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 5:40 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows (6:27 arrival), Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards (6:36 arrival), Treasurer Gillian Ream Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne (5:53 arrival), Trustee Sharon Lee, Trustee Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: None

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET PRESENT (& Participants in Workshop)

Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Sherrell Hobbs, Director of Business and Finance Edwina Hill, Director of Human Resources Sue McCarty, Director of Facilities & Operations Steven Burgess, Director of Student Support Services Ruth Jordan, Director of State & Federal Programs Priya Nayak, Communications & Marketing Coordinator Taryn Reid Willis

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: None

BOARD | SUPERINTENDENT PLANNING: Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross presented the Central Office team members and their roles. Information included: 1) YCS Department; 2) Scope of Work; 3) Current Priorities, and; 4) Action Steps Needed from Board.

Zachery-Ross facilitated a session on objectives for 2019/"20" Board calendar items, including: 1) efficient and productive one-hour meetings, fewer meetings, clarity regarding required Board agenda items and subcommittee structures. Consideration of Michigan Association of School Boards suggested topics and Michigan Department of Education required agenda items and timelines. Participation of Board and Cabinet members in a "priorities activity".

Conversation on Board subcommittee expectations, roles and intended outcomes of each. Discussion of board representatives: school assignments. Who leads the subcommittee work: Board member chair, or, central office representative? Conversation on a "chair" of each subcommittee: do we keep a chair, or is a chair not needed? According to Organizational Meeting, Board chairs were assigned, and so, chairs we will keep. Notetaking is an important process of subcommittees.

Discussion of workshop/study session ideas and placement on the calendar, including anti-bias and effective Board committee structure. Calendar dates only listed; not topics of discussion. Conversation on next steps.

OTHER: None

BOARD | SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 p.m.

Date Approved: 2/25/2019

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