

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Ypsilanti Community High School's Art, Communication & Technology (YCHS ACTech) students and Principal Cory Gildersleeve.

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 Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Sharon Lee

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

YCHS ACTech Points of Pride included: 1) Senior Lock-In Event; 2) Choir Invitations to Perform; 3) Photography Class Partnership with Puffer Reds; 4) Vans Shoe Company Art Contest; 5) Band Participation in Clinic by Wayne State University Music Students; 6) Ypsi-Richmond {California} Project, and; 7) Accuplacer Test.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Agenda accepted; one amendment, Table Item VI/C: "Resolution: Notice of Administrative Contract Non-Renewal".

Motion by Schindler, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

Achieving College and Career Education Middle School (ACCE MS) 2018/19 Pilot Program Update: ACCE Principal Jonathan Royce presented. Included was: 1) program overview; 2) recommendation process; 3) profile of an ACCE MS student; 4) ACCE MS program's learning environment; 5) current evaluation of ACCE MS program, and; 6) 2019/20 enrollment proposal for ACCE MS.

(Secretary to the Board of Education, Paula Gutzman, arrives @ 7:08 p.m. from District business)

Transportation Technology: Director of Operations Steven Burgess presented on an investment summary for proposed technology features with regard to the bus fleet for 2019/20. Options presented offer the use of technology being used effectively, including data, and the under-utilization of available technology. The following video was presented: <https://www.tylertech.com/products/tyler-drive>. Board feedback was voiced and there was a question/answer period for the technology presentation and consideration of transportation for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: *Glen Fitzhugh* commented on the Kettering property. *Leslie Harris* spoke on bussing.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following minutes: 1) February 19, 2019 special meeting; 2) February 22-23, 2019 special meeting; 3) February 25, 2019 special meeting; 4) February

25, 2019 special meeting closed session; 5) February 25, 2019 regular meeting; 6) February 25, 2019 regular meeting closed session, and; 7) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated March 6, 2019: New Hires, Resignations & Retirements.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Sex Education Advisory Board Recommendations/Curriculum

MOTION TO adopt curriculum resources to address gender and sexuality issues, as listed in the following document: List of SEAB Proposed Curriculum Resources for Adoption (Jan 2019).

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Champagne

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

Budget Amendment, February 2019

MOTION TO adopt the February 2019 Budget Amendment, as presented, with a projected fund balance ending June 30, 2019 of \$5,461,951.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

ACTION ITEMS, Human Resources

RESOLUTION: ~~Notice of Administrative Contract Non-Renewal:~~ Item Tabled

DISCUSSION

Rescheduling Board Meeting Dates

#1: Cancel March 25th; Rescheduling to March 18, 2019. Board members in agreement.

#2: Cancel April 22nd; Rescheduling to May 6, 2019. Board members in agreement.

Confirmation of Board Priorities & Agenda Topics: Board in agreement of adding April 1, 2019 meeting to further discuss student transportation. 6:30 p.m. start time.

Student Transportation | Survey & Next Steps: Director of Operations Steven Burgess led conversation on "transportation recommended next steps". Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross also offered comments. Topics included: 1) a new survey for parent/community members; 2) problem-solving action team from the DN, including input from staff, parents & stakeholders; 3) review of survey results, transportation options and related costs and bell time recommendations by the Board Finance & Operational Planning Subcommittee; 4) presentation of subcommittee recommendation to the Board, and; 5) Board approval of RFP requirements by April 8, 2019 Board meeting. Requested feedback from the Board on what additional information is needed. Suggestion to hold a community feedback session prior to April 8th meeting to hear from community and drivers. Hawkins shared the current bell schedule is driven by research.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: Shannon Nielson spoke of the Cheney Elementary property.

OTHER: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Zachery-Ross shared information provided by Lee regarding the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra's April 26th event and the recruitment of students "tuition free".

- *Hawkins* commented on Zachery-Ross being a panelist at the 2nd Annual EMU Activism & Advocacy Day {March 13th}. Derrick Jackson of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is keynote speaker. The event is free. *Comment* of Zachery-Ross being recognized for the Joe & Yvonne Dulin award at tonight's NAAPID event. *Comment* of YCS' Mr. Brown's work at the advocacy center. *Shared* information of Friday's Blueprint series Board conference; April is the next conference.
- *Champagne* shared she spent time reading to Erickson students.
- *Zachery-Ross* recognized Erickson as the A2Y Chamber's Exemplary Educational Endeavors (E3) award winner for their work with the Village Project. *Also*, Governor Whitmer will visit Erickson, and she will read to students during her visit.
- *Hawkins* inquired on Board binders for next Tuesday's meeting; binders were distributed at this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 p.m.

Date Approved: March 18, 2019



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

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