



## MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (Meeting #2 of 2)

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at approximately 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by President Hawkins.

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

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins (6:48 departure; 8:12 return; Superintendent Zachery-Ross presided over meeting in Hawkins' absence), 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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF ~~AMENDED~~ AGENDA:** Amended Agenda Accepted.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patrick McLean commented on and distributed a letter he wrote on the Achieving Career & College Education (ACCE) program.

(Hawkins 6:48 departure; 8:12 return | Gutzman 6:43 arrival)

**EQUITY & INCLUSION:** Dorinda Carter Andrews, Ed.D., facilitated this Board session: *Effective School Board Operations - Using an Equity Orientation*. Dr. Carter Andrews is an Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, Associate Professor, Department of Teacher Education, Core Faculty, African American and African Studies Program; Co-Editor/Journal of Teacher Education; MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Discussion included: 1) Cultural Humility; 2) Diversity & Inclusion; 3) Difference Is Not The Problem; 4) Critical Self-Reflection; 5) What Are Your Lenses? 6) Systems of Privilege, and; 7) Defining Terms - What is Culture?.

The Board recessed at 7:57 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF LEASE, UniteSTEM**

MOTION TO approve the the lease for space at Chapelle school with UniteSTEM Lab LLC for a total monthly rental of \$4,171, with a commencement date of July 1, 2019 and an expiration date of June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021 should the tenant exercise its right to extend an additional year.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

### **APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP, YCHS Robotics**

MOTION TO approve the overnight field trip of Ypsilanti Community High School Robotics to Cobo Hall and Ford Field in Detroit from April 24 - 27, 2019.

Motion by Lee, supported by Champagne

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

#### OTHER

- Zachery-Ross extended an invite to the Grizzly Soirée on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Details of event shared, including celebrity Chef Darrell "DAS" Smith, who is a graduate of Ypsilanti "Public" Schools. Extended a welcome to Dr. Carlos Lopez, our new Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Lopez shared comments.

#### BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Sheler-Edwards recently attended a Sugarbrook neighborhood watch.
- Hawkins, too, attended the Sugarbrook neighborhood watch, referencing a conversation of the repurposing of the Kettering property.

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:49 p.m.*

Date Approved: May 6, 2019



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

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