

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:36p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Trustee Meredith Schindler, Trustee Gillian Ream Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

ACTION ITEM, Ypsilanti Community Middle School Field Trip to Washington DC (June 2019)

MOTION TO approve the Field Trip

Motion by Lee, supported by Champagne

Voice: 6-0 Yes

PRESENTATIONS

History and Vision of the FIRST Robotics Program

Dan Schunck, Physics & Engineering Teacher/FIRST Robotics Mentor of Ypsilanti STEMM Middle College, spoke on the history of how the robotics program began in 1998 with both districts Willow Run Community Schools and Ypsilanti Public Schools. We now have robotics teams at YIES, Perry, Estabrook, WIMA and the high school. Dan also gave his vision for the future team in YCS.

YCS Art Washington DC 2020 Trip Update

Kathy Fisk and Heidi Shelton, Art Teachers for the District spoke on progress of the Art trip. A number of students and family members have dropped due to numerous reasons. They have fundraised over \$14,622.82 dollars to date, and is going well. They have commitments from community members and clubs to help with the cost. Taryn Willis is also assisting in the fundraising efforts. Kathy spoke that due to the numbers they will need two buses, so they reached out to the middle school and the high school choirs to join them. The choirs will start their fundraising and will perform on their own in Washington.

Transportation Update

Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross introduced us to Dale Goby of National Bus and our new Transportation Director William Bradley who gave us an update on the Transportation Department. Dale Goby gave a timeline of where the Transportation Department is, and where it is going.

Operations Update

Superintendent Zachery-Ross introduced Randy Trent from the WISD who gave the update on Operations. He shared his focus which is to concentrate on the budget, working with Schneider Electric, following data on previous years ordering and summer cleaning. He told us that he has a training scheduled for June 17th

for custodian training. In closing, he shared that he will utilize the summer to get ready for the students in the fall.

Business Office / Budget Update

Superintendent Zachery-Ross introduced Dante Bishop and Priya Nayak. Dante Bishop is working to reconcile bank statements, prepare for the June 24th budget hearing and preparing the budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Priya Nayak added that, "We want to start the year off right". "Every dollar should impact our students."

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Mildred Glover spoke on the transportation department workers being brought back in house. *Hugh Harris* spoke of the transportation department and employees who call off or show up late.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) May 20, 2019 special meeting minutes, 2) May 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes and 3) personnel resignations and retirements

Motion by Schindler, supported by Gainsley

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

MOTION TO approve MHSAA Membership Resolution 2019-2020

Motion by Meadows, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

MOTION TO approve Consultant Service Agreement – Contracted Administration for Responsible Education (CARE)

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

MOTION TO approve Consultant Service Agreement – InnoSynth Technologies, LLC

Motion by Champagne, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

MOTION TO approve WISD Contract – Technology Services

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

MOTION TO approve Donation from Toyota

Motion by Meadows, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

ACTION ITEMS, Human Resources

MOTION TO approve Administrative Contract – Director of District Operations

Motion by Champagne, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

ACTION ITEMS, Other

MOTION TO approve Thrun Law Common Representation – Conflict of Interest / Consent (WEOC/Van Buren Agreement)

Motion by Champagne, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

MOTION TO approve Membership Renewal – Michigan Association of School Boards

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

Yes: Schindler, Hawkins, Lee, Meadows, Champagne, and Gainsley

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Gainsley- We need to be aware of changes with WEOC that have and impact YCS. She attended her first YCS Graduation.
- Hawkins- Attended events at Estabrook STEM event, Erickson 2nd annual Leadership Day, Grizzly Awards, YCMS Leadership Team Meeting, Graduation at YCHS and WIHI – outstanding speeches by our YCS students. Recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 7th. Invited the Board of Education and community members to: “Ypsilanti Matters | Collaboration for Change” breakfast event being held at the EMU Student Center with EMU, YCS and Washtenaw County. Reminder to the Board about upcoming Equity workshop with Dr. Dorinda Carter-Andrews on June 26th. Trustee Champagne is chairing the “Educational Research Committee” and encouraged Board members to join. Thanked Trustee Champagne for her leadership. As we are entering the last week of school, there are end of the year District events. Urged Board members to take a look at the spreadsheet that was sent by Superintendent Zachery-Ross on May 15th and attend any events that your schedules will allow.
- Zachery-Ross- Attended A2Y, middle school for robotics presentations, black engineers and photography class. All were student lead. Excited for summer opportunities for our students. She hopes that our students and parents take advantage of these opportunities.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 PM

Submitted by: L. Nowling

Date Approved: June 24, 2019



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