

MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

The **Special Meeting** of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 5:49 p.m. (*quorum available*). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by President Hawkins.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards (5:53 arrival), Treasurer Gillian Ream Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne (5:49 arrival), Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Trustee Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET PRESENT (& Participants in Workshop)

Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez, Director of Business and Finance Priya Nayak, Director of Human Resources Sue McCarty, Director of Facilities & Operations Aaron Rose, Director of Student Support Services Ruth Jordan

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ACTION ITEMS

Ford Early Learning Center Principal

MOTION TO approve the hire of Mumtaz Haque as Principal of Ford Early Learning Center, effective August 5, 2019 - June 26, 2020.

Motion by Lee, supported by Trustee Champagne

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Hawkins

Personnel Matters: Hires & Resignations

MOTION TO approve the personnel matters as per the attached list dated July 25, 2019: New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 4/Yes; 0/No

(Sheler-Edwards arrival)

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

MOTION TO approve the attached four Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Proposals for purchase, for a total amount of \$36,246 for 2019/20.

Motion by Ream Gainsley, supported by "unknown"

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

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

McGraw Hill Education

MOTION TO approve the attached six McGraw Hill Education quotes for purchase, for a total amount of \$63,318 for 2019/20.

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

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

School Specialty

MOTION TO approve the attached six School Specialty quotes for the purchase of Foss Science materials, for a 2019/20 total amount of \$32,963.

Motion by Lee, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

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

IQWST/Activate Learning/SASC LLC

MOTION TO approve the purchase of the 2019/20 IQWST/Activate Learning middle school science materials, as per the attached Estimate for a cost of \$20,712.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

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

Cengage Learning

MOTION TO approve the attached two Cengage Learning price quotes for purchase, for a total amount of \$25,670.

Motion by Ream Gainsley, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 4/0 Yes

Yes: Ream Gainsley, Champagne, Lee, Hawkins

Abstain: Sheler-Edwards (family member employed with vendor)

TCI | Teachers' Curriculum Institute

MOTION TO approve the 2019/20 TCI purchase, as per the attached Quotes at a cost of \$20,526.

Motion by Ream Gainsley, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

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

"BIG IDEAS" FOCUS AREAS FOR STRATEGIC GOALS (5 Ideas): Board Priorities & Next Steps:

Alena Zachery Ross, Superintendent facilitated this session with Board members and Cabinet members present. The session included: 1) Overview of Vision and Purpose/Law of the Lid and Rule of 5 with John Maxwell; 2) Review/Overview of Guiding Documents for Consolidation; 3) Review of Committee Recommendations; 4) Visioning Process (activity); 5) Where do We go from Here?/Bridging the Past to the Future (activity), and; 6) Next Steps. Conversation on the Guiding Questions from 2013 and the 2013 and 2014 Pillars and Advisory Groups.

Dialogue of the March 2017 Facilities Advisory Board (FAB) Recommendation, including the charge/process, the two-phase approach, FAB committee members, the formation of FAB sub-committees, summary of path analysis.

Revisited the original ideas and the action/initiative intended to improve: 1) Feasible | Wow! Ideas; 2) Not Yet Feasible | How? Ideas, and; 3) Feasible | Now. Ideas.

Group activity on a vision for YCS in the next 10 years. Review of previous Big Concepts (Board priorities). Dialogue on bridging the past to the future.

After the review of priorities, advisory recommendations, the Facilities PowerPoint, five themes were identified as strategic goals areas/Board priorities:

- #1: Achievement**
- #2: Facilities**
- #3: Culture/Climate**
- #4: Community Involvement**
- #5: Programs/Reconfiguration**

OTHER

- *Zachery-Ross* spoke of Jazz in the Parking Lot and the calendar/bell schedule email.
- *Ream Gainsley* spoke of the community Jazz event.

- Lee offered an idea of “more” Jazz events.
- Sheler-Edwards spoke of alternative space to a parking lot for the Jazz events.

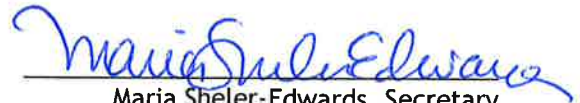
BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Hawkins recognized the work done on tasks such as bell times, the calendar and the return of in-house Transportation.
- Zachery-Ross spoke of the upcoming Blueprint conference, and principals returning next week. Our three new principals have been invited to attend our August 12th meeting to meet with the community.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman

Date Approved: August 12, 2019


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