

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, May 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Ypsilanti Community Middle School (YCMS) students and YCMS Guidance Counselor Brenda Averett.

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 Sharon Lee, Trustee Meredith Schindler

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Superintendent Zachery-Ross and Board President Dr. Celeste Hawkins presented a Board resolution to U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell. The resolution was "in memoriam of John David Dingell Jr. Former Congressman". Representative Dingell shared comments.

YCMS Points of Pride included: 1) Curriculum Work/Professional Development; 2) Girl Solve It; 3) Pi Day; 4) Disney's High School Musical Jr. Musical; 5) Living History; 6) Hands-On Science, and; 7) Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

Kettering School Site | Sugarbrook Resident Input for Future Use: Presentation participants included the Kettering Action Team in Partnership with Sugarbrook Residents, Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley | Director Sarah Teare, and, Students from the U-M School of Social Work. Presentation included an update on the work, including a canvass of the neighborhood and the results of a resident survey. The survey was to obtain resident input ideas for possible future use of this site.

RAHS/School-Based Health Centers (Michigan Medicine): Latoya Sanders, Site Supervisor/Nurse Practitioner provided information on the centers in YCS this year. Also shared was information including: 1) RAHS Ypsilanti Community Middle School Staffing Model; 2) RAHS Mission/Vision; 3) Services Provided; 4) What is RAHS; 5) Medicaid Outreach; 6) RAHS Ypsilanti Community High School Services Provided; 7) RAHS YCHS Staffing Model, and; 8) Programming Updates. Dialogue on the referral process.

Student Transportation Update: Superintendent Alena-Zachery-Ross gave an update, including next steps in the decision-making process. Bid opening was on Friday. There were two bidders.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Cheyenne Taylor commented on the Achieving College and Career Education Middle School program.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) April 1, 2019 special meeting minutes; 2) April 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes; 3) April 24, 2019 special meeting minutes/Board workshop; 4) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated May 1, 2019: New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Donation: YIES, Donor Caroline Gould

MOTION TO accept a donation of a digital piano, stand and bench to Ypsilanti International Elementary School, with a potential value in excess of \$1,000.

Motion by Ream Gainsley, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

LEASE: Strive Athletic Center

MOTION TO approve the lease for space at the Willow Run complex located at 235 Spencer Lane 48198 with Strive Athletic Center LLC for a total monthly rental of \$7,800, and contract dates of July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

ACTION ITEMS, Human Resources

RESOLUTION: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week; School Nurse Appreciation Day

MOTION TO adopt the Resolution of Recognition, Commemorating May 5 – 11, 2019 as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and May 8, 2019 as School Nurse Appreciation Day. (Note: Sheler-Edwards read aloud the resolution before the vote.)

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Champagne

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

ACTION ITEMS, Other

RESOLUTION: Washtenaw Intermediate School District Bond Proposal

MOTION TO adopt the Resolution Declaring Support for the Washtenaw ISD Bond Proposal to be placed on the August 6, 2019 election ballot.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Sheler-Edwards

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

RESOLUTION: Intermediate School District Budget Resolution | Support for Budget, 2019/20

MOTION TO adopt the "ISD Budget Resolution" / Support for Budget regarding the intermediate school district General Fund budget.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Champagne

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

RESOLUTION: Designation of Electoral Representative(s) for Biennial Election, Washtenaw Intermediate School Board

MOTION TO adopt the Washtenaw Intermediate School District 'Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 3, 2019 Biennial Election', appointing (Board Vice-President) **Brenda Meadows** as the designated representative on behalf of this Board, and (Board Treasurer) **Gillian Ream Gainsley** as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

RESOLUTION: Support of Adequately Funding Michigan Schools

MOTION TO adopt the Resolution in Support of Adequately Funding Michigan Schools.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

Disclosure of Direct Financial Interest in Contract, Easley Travel & Tours: *Item Tabled for Additional Information*

Topics Included: Dialogue on - 1) rates in comparison to market rates; 2) vehicle used for student transfer; 3) Easley Travel acquired van by donation or sale; Easley Travel acquired vehicle with YCS branding on it. The Board requested the Superintendent to followup with Mr. Easley regarding vehicle insurance information.

Donation: YCS Marketing/Event Series, Donor Washtenaw Community College

MOTION TO accept a \$1,000 cash sponsorship donation from Washtenaw Community College/Community Enrichment & Operations for the YCS Event Series.

Motion by Champagne, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 7/Yes; 0/No

DISCUSSION: Achieving Career & College Education Middle School (ACCE MS) Pilot Program

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez, with facilitation by Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross, lead dialogue on the justification for transitioning of ACCE MS students back to Ypsilanti Community Middle School (YCMS) for 2019/20. This recommendation comes after extensive review of the 2018/19 program outcomes. Overall, the 2018/19 program has not met the expectations identified by the Michigan Department of Education's definition of an effective alternative education program. As a result, 1) suspensions at ACCE during 2018/19 are significantly higher than the number of suspensions per student at YCMS; 2) academic growth at ACCE MS is significantly lower than the level of students at YCMS, and; 3) the staff configuration of ACCE is not cost effective due to the fact that the current teacher-student ratio is 6:1 and the current support staff-student ratio is 2:1.

Dialogue on a comprehensive plan to ensure a smooth transition of returning students, including: 1) staff YCMS with a strong instructional leader; 2) ensure balanced staffing model that supports academic and non-academic social emotional learning needs of students, provide ongoing job-embedded professional development; 3) purchase a comprehensive core ELA program to raise standards; 4) implement Trauma-Informed PBIS program to prepare teachers and staff to respond to student needs in partnership with University of Michigan; 5) ensure necessary Student Success Plans; 6) create a "small house" for each grade level, and; 7) hire a "Champion" for students on Student Success Plans.

Support of this recommendation required "consensus of the Board"; *no vote is necessary*. The Board reply was in favor of support of the recommendation to transition ACCE MS students back to YCMS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Debra Stevens commented on student behavior, seclusion/restraint laws and learning. *Cheyenne Taylor* commented on purchase orders and an ACCE MS transition. *Daicia Price* commented on ACCE data and support for middle school and elementary students.

OTHER

- *Hawkins* distributed to the Board a document prepared by Board members regarding the Blueprint professional training from February, March and April. The document is a summary of the training. *Hawkins* and *Lee* shared February/March summaries; *Ream Gainsley* shared April summaries.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Zachery-Ross* commented on the Board signup for attendance at upcoming events. May 15th with Dr. Carter is also Senior Honors Day; Board meeting cancelled. Dialogue on Teacher Appreciation Day and some of the planned events. Wednesday is School Nurse Day. Appreciation was extended to ALL staff EVERY day: teachers, paraeducators, cooks, etc. who ALL are "teachers"!
- *Lee* commented on the recent visit/event with House Education Chair, Representative Pamela Hornberger.
- *Hawkins* acknowledged the birthdays of Champagne and Ream Gainsley, and, extended a thank you to teachers.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Attachments:

- 1) *RESOLUTION: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week; School Nurse Appreciation Day*
- 2) *RESOLUTION: Washtenaw ISD Bond Proposal*
- 3) *RESOLUTION: Support of Adequately Funding Michigan Schools*

Minutes Recorded by: Paula Gutzman

Date Approved: May 20, 2019



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



**RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION, Commemorating
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: Sunday, May 5 - Saturday, May 11, 2019 &
School Nurse Appreciation Day: Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Ypsilanti Community Schools**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the District was held in the Professional Development Room at the Ypsilanti Community Schools Administration Building located at 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, on the 6th day of May, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Celeste Hawkins, President.

The following Resolution was offered by Member Maria Sheler-Edwards and supported by Member Ellen Champagne.

WHEREAS,

1. Sacrificially and with sincere dedication, teachers/staff/school nurses mold future citizens through guidance, positive influence, and education; and
2. Tirelessly, teachers/staff/school nurses encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and
3. The future of our country, state and city depends upon providing quality education to all students; and
4. The teachers/staff/school nurses of Ypsilanti Community Schools spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and
5. Our school district recognizes and supports its teachers/staff/school nurses in educating the children of this great community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education proclaims May 5 - 11, 2019, to be TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK and proclaims Wednesday, May 8, 2019 to be SCHOOL NURSE APPRECIATION DAY; and

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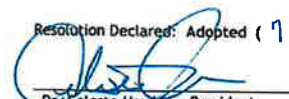
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education strongly encourages all members of our community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers/staff/school nurses for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Roll Call Vote As Follows:

Dr. Celeste Hawkins, President	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent
Brenda Meadows, Vice-President	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent
Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent
Gillian Ream Gainsley, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent
Ellen Champagne, Trustee	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent
Sharon Lee, Trustee	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent
Meredith Schindler, Trustee	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No	Absent

Resolution Declared: Adopted (7 / 0 , Yes)


Dr. Celeste Hawkins, President
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools


Alena Zachery-Ross
Superintendent
Ypsilanti Community Schools

RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR WASHTENAW ISD BOND PROPOSAL

Ypsilanti Community Schools, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "School District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the School District (the "Board") was held in the Administration Building | P.D. Room, within the boundaries of the School District, on the 6th day of May 2019, at 6:30 o'clock in the p.m.

WHEREAS:

1. The board of education of Washtenaw Intermediate School District ("Washtenaw ISD") is considering a bond proposition to be placed on the August 6, 2019 election ballot; and
2. Section 629 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and Section 641 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, authorize Washtenaw ISD to call an election to place a bond proposition on the ballot; and
3. Successful passage of the bond proposition will allow Washtenaw ISD to reconstruct High Point School, including the possibility of retaining some areas of the existing structure such as the gymnasium and/or pool, retaining the inclusive environment from which all the students have benefitted; and
4. This Board desires to express its support for a Washtenaw ISD bond proposition to be voted upon at an election to be held on August 6, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board hereby declares its support for Washtenaw ISD to call an election for August 6, 2019 to place a bond proposition on the ballot and further, supports the bond proposition.
2. This Board further acknowledges that this resolution is not legally binding on Washtenaw ISD and that Washtenaw ISD is legally authorized to place the bond proposition on the ballot based upon its discretion and judgment, taking into consideration the local constituent school districts expressed support.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members 7

Nays: Members 0

Resolution declared adopted.



Maria Sheler-Edwards
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 6, 2019, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).



Maria Sheler-Edwards
Secretary, Board of Education

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADEQUATELY FUNDING MICHIGAN SCHOOLS

Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan

A meeting of the Board of Education of the District was held in the Professional Development Room at the Ypsilanti Community Schools Administration Building located at 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, on May 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Celeste Hawkins, President | Board of Education.

The following Resolution was offered by Member Vice-President Brenda Meadows, and, supported by Member Trustee Sharon Lee.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution states the legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 21st Century Education Commission states the urgency could not be greater regarding our failing K-12 performance, given that Michiganders underperform their peers, ranking 41st on fourth-grade reading performance nationally; and

WHEREAS, these unacceptable statewide outcomes are clearly not a result of changing demographics as some suggest, as Michigan's higher-income and white students are also among the worst performing in the country; and

WHEREAS, the way we fund Michigan's public schools is fundamentally broken; and

WHEREAS, we must reexamine our approach and develop an equitable funding formula model that ensures ALL students, regardless of their circumstances, can achieve and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative is a broad-based, diverse and bipartisan group of community, business and education leaders, from Metro Detroit to the U.P., who agree it's time to change how our schools are funded to cover the true cost of educating students; and

WHEREAS, the School Finance Research Collaborative adequacy study provides lawmakers and the public with the best, most accurate and reliable information on what it truly costs to educate ALL Michigan students; and

WHEREAS, the SFRC report and other research clearly demonstrates the need to increase funding for our schools and target education funding more effectively; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that Ypsilanti Community Schools call upon the Michigan Legislature to fulfill its commitment to maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools with the resources recommended in the School Finance Research Collaborative report to enable each child to achieve proficiency on Michigan standards; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

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RESOLVED, that Michigan's school funding formula should reflect the true cost of providing an education that meets the individual needs of each child with a weighted formula for students in poverty, special education and English language learners, giving all an equal opportunity to meet the performance standards set by the State of Michigan and the State Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Dr. Celeste Hawkins, President	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Brenda Meadows, Vice-President	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Gillian Ream Gainsley, Treasurer	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Ellen Champagne, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Sharon Lee, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent
Meredith Schindler, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>	No	Absent

Resolution Declared: Adopted (7/0, Yes)

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Ypsilanti Community Schools, Washtenaw County, Michigan, that this resolution was adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board at a regular meeting held on May 6, 2019.


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

C: Dr. Scott Menzel, Superintendent | WISD
Ronnie Peterson, State Representative
Jeff Irwin, State Senator
Gretchen Whitmer, Governor | State of Michigan
Jennifer Smith, Director of Government Relations | Michigan Association of School Boards