

This meeting was held electronically, via Zoom Conferencing, in accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-129 (COVID-19). The Technology Department navigated Public Comments by a phone line and an electronic document; instructions were provided to viewers. All meeting votes were called by "roll call".

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS; 1885 Packard Road; Ypsilanti, MI 48197

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION *(Meeting #2 of 2)*

Monday, July 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by President Hawkins.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT: *(Amended to: Call to Order; Roll Call)*

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Secretary Sharon Lee, Treasurer Gillian Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Meredith Schindler, Trustee Maria Sheler-Edwards *(late arrival)*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

IMPORTANT MESSAGE(S) REGARDING THIS MEETING

Amended with Updated Information | Electronic Meeting (via Zoom Conferencing) In Accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order listed above. Information provided included:

Streaming Information:

Meeting will be streamed via facebook; which can be directly accessed from this link: https://bit.ly/YCS_BoE_Stream

6:30 pm BoE Meeting Public Participation Information:

The public can register their attendance at the following link. If they would like to make a public comment to the Board, there is a place for that, as well:

- Live form: http://bit.ly/YCS_BOE_Comments; Call in to speak during public comment time: 734-221-1204
- Joining the Webinar directly at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85317329033?pwd=R2lyQ3FLN2dCQ1lTWjRubzZjWjY4QT09>
- Password: 118550
- *While attending this meeting in Zoom; at the public comment allotted time; please raise your hand to provide a comment. At that time, the administrator will unmute you to provide your comments. We will unmute a public commentator for the duration of no more than 5 minutes, and will go in order by when your hand was raised.

ACCEPTANCE OF "AMENDED" AGENDA: The "amended" agenda was accepted. Amendments: 1) Meeting originally planned as an in-person meeting; changed to electronic meeting via Zoom; 2) Amended to "Call to Order & Roll Call" of Board members present, and; 3) all votes taken by roll call due to electronic meeting.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows

~~Voice Vote~~ Roll Call Vote: 6/0

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1/Electronic Participation *(comments may be related to COVID-19)*

Hawkins read protocol, and read comments: Lamar Weir, Field Representative for Congresswoman Dingell, shared contact information: lamar.weir@mail.house.gov or 313.320.2307. Angie Watkins commented on online learning. Jessica Gleespen commented on the virus and reopening schools for in-person learning in Fall. Megan Hagenauer asked about remote instruction. Faith Ponder inquired on next school year/continued virtual school. Melissa Nuyda commented on an outbreak in a building/the District and sub coverage. Rayna Ketchum commented on opening schools.

M. Jeanice Townsend: no recorded comments. *Veronica Bodary, Teris Rice, Heather Berg, Brad Perry, Rebecca Welzenbach, Elizabeth Grace, Cindy Smith, Rachel Montgomery* and *Courtney Geil*: no comments captured in online form.

Electronic "hand raise": *Melanie (YCMS teacher)* commented on school times.

PRESENTATIONS

YCS COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan | 2020/21 Return to School Plan: Superintendent Zachery-Ross shared there has been a Task Force since May, about 90 members strong. This group also collaborates with the Washtenaw County Health Department.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez shared comments on Congressman and civil-rights leader John Lewis, then gave an overview PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan, including: Preparedness Plan Assurances, and, a Preparedness Plan. Also presented was an overview on the 2020/21 Return to School Plan, including: 1) Guiding Principles for Reopening; 2) School Opening Scenarios; 3) Return to School Roadmap Focus Area, and; 4) Safety Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA | Amended

MOTION TO approve the: 1) June 8, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes; 2) June 29, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; 3) June 29, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, and; 4) personnel matters as per the presented list dated July 9, 2020.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

~~Voice Vote~~ Roll Call Vote: 6/0

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Lee, Hawkins (note: Sheler-Edwards was in virtual meeting, but as an "attendee" – could not vote)

DISCUSSION: SRO Contracts | Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross facilitated conversation on possible cancellation of contracts for the YCS school resource officers from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and, the City of Ypsilanti Police. Currently, reviewing options. Zachery-Ross shared the Ypsilanti Police did not charge YCS for the period of March – June 2020 (COVID-19).

Board consensus to give Zachery-Ross a go-ahead to bring recommendations to the Board to redirect these funds. Agreeable, via Roll Call: Lee, Meadows, Champagne, Gainsley, Sheler-Edwards, Champagne – 6/0 Yes (Hawkins, who conducted the "vote", did not vote).

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

YCS COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan

MOTION TO approve the presented YCS COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

Apex Learning

MOTION TO approve the presented Apex Learning Quote, #00005490, for a purchase amount of \$40,000.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

McGraw Hill

MOTION TO approve the presented McGraw Hill, Quote #JVAND-06182020-003, for a purchase amount of \$30,898.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

RESOLUTION, School Bond Qualification and Loan Program

MOTION TO adopt the presented resolution to authorize the Annual Loan/Prepayment Activity Application for the former Willow Run Community Schools.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

ACTION ITEMS, Human Resources

Administrative/Professional Employee Contracts, 2020/21

MOTION TO approve the Administrative and Professional Employee Contract extensions for the following employees, per the commencement and end dates as listed on each contract: 1) Raymond Alvarado, 2) Greg Anglin, 3) Barbara Boone, 4) Mark Coscarella, 5) Cory Gildersleeve, 6) Jeanina Harris, 7) Kier Ingraham, 8) Marquan Jackson, 9) Ryan Johnson, 10) Dr. Carlos Lopez, 11) Jerilyn Lynn, 12) Sue McCarty, 13) Kelly Mickel, 14) Priya Nayak, 15) Turquoise Neal, 16) Robert Oliver, 17) Amanda Rawsky, 18) Lawrence Reeves, 19) Aaron Rose, 20) Jonathan Royce, 21) Kimberly Searcy, 22) Lindsey Segrist, 23) Cassandra Sheriff, 24) Ginelle Skinner, and; 25) Taryn Willis. (Note: Contracts were attached; for Board view only.)

Motion by Schindler, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

YCSESPA Tentative Agreement

MOTION TO approve the presented Tentative Agreement with the Ypsilanti Community Schools Educational Support Professionals Association/MEA/NEA.

Motion by Lee, supported by Meadows

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

Administrative Contract | Principal, Ford Early Learning Center

MOTION TO approve the administrative contract with Daniel Young to serve as Principal of Ford Early Learning Center with a start date of August 3, 2020 and a contract expiration date of June 30, 2021.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2/Electronic Participation

Hawkins read: *Jessica Krueger-Koupal* commented on the Apex contract. *Kathy Fisk* commented on the proposed elementary Unified Arts teachers and a risk of carrying viruses. *Jennifer Gray* commented on building air quality, plan for Ford ELC students, high risk teachers and building nurses.

Technology Director Nik Jackson collects Q & A, and forwards to Superintendent Zachery-Ross.

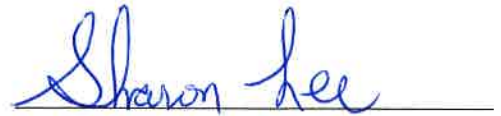
OTHER

- *Gainsley* inquired on a Ford Early Learning Center update.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Zachery-Ross* shared information on Ford ELC. Met with Ford staff today about coming in this week to get personal belongings. Three jurisdictions reported to the fire: Superior Township, Ypsilanti Township and Ypsilanti City. There is an investigation. A contractor supported the disconnection of utilities and boarded up the building. Executive Cabinet did walk through on Friday. Working with insurance adjuster.
- *Meadows* inquired on roll-out plan for new school year.
- *Gainsley* echoed *Meadows*' comments.
- *Zachery-Ross* shared updated information will be available on the District website.
- *Hawkins* commented on Ford updates. Acknowledged *Lopez*'s conversation on honoring John Lewis and his work in the civil rights movement.
- *Meadows* concurs with *Hawkins*' comments.
- *Zachery-Ross* commented on the Board's flexibility of the plan presented; MAISA just sent out. Submitted Question & Answer information will be collected; District administration will follow up. Communication & Marketing Coordinator *Taryn Willis* will send reminder on next Town Hall meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.



Sharon Lee, Secretary
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools

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