

## REGULAR MEETING (Monday, April 3, 2023)

### Members present

Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

### Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Board President

Action: A. Roll Call of Board of Education Members

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Board President

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Ford Early Learning Center Points of Pride

Principal **Daniel Young**, staff, and parents represented the school sharing their points of pride.

Click [here](#) to review the points of pride.

The YCS Board of Education is excited to share wonderful things that are happening in our schools by reading our school's points of pride. Today's school is Ford Early Learning Center.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Student Affairs

Action: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: Grizzly Scholars After School Program Trip to Canada - June 17, 2023

The Germany Ballintyn Education Foundation is funding a trip to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, for the Grizzly Scholar after-school program. This is giving them the opportunity to obtain a passport and will be a first small step in expanding the scholars' horizons beyond home, state, and country. The trip will tie in with their financial literacy learning by exchanging American money for Canadian money and using it. It will tie in with their Under the Sea program by attending Belle Isle Aquarium in the morning and Adventure Bay Water Park in the afternoon.

Click [here](#) to review the field trip request.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross** explained a little about the Grizzly Scholar program and the planned travel for the group.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the field trip for Grizzly Scholars to Windsor, Ontario, Canada, on June 17, 2023.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: B. WISD Parent Advisory Committee

Ms. Ericka Courtney is a lifelong resident of Ypsilanti and a graduate of Ypsilanti High School, class of 2005. Ms. Courtney is the parent of a student with autism, six-year-old Jordan. Jordan is in Ms. Debra Stevens's ECSE classroom at Perry Early Learning Center.

Ms. Courtney will join eight other parents who represent their districts on the Parent Advisory Committee of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. This PAC consists of parents who have students in their representative districts with disabilities. It is designed to advise the WISD Board of Education on special education matters and fulfill the responsibilities designated in PA 451. The PAC also facilitates communication, awareness, and involvement between parents, local districts, Boards of Education/Boards of Directors, and the Intermediate School District. The PAC is mandated by law.

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that we recommend Ms. Courtney for this position.

**Ruth Jordan** introduced Ms. Courtney.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the recommendation for Ericka Courtney to the WISD Parent Advisory Committee.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

6. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Budget Update Presentation - Damien Butler

Business and Finance Director, Damien L. Butler, will present a budget amendment to the Board of Education for consideration.

Click [here](#) for the budget update presentation.

Presentation: B. Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS) - Angie Johnson

The Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS) has been working in partnership with the Ypsilanti Community School district for over 25 years. Our vision is to provide youth with high-quality physical, emotional, and preventive healthcare in an easily accessible, supportive, and youth-centered environment. Our services include physical and mental health services, nutrition

therapy, care coordination, and vision and dental. The Ypsilanti Community High School also has a Kellogg Eye center on site. Angie Johnson, MPA, RAHS Director, will present an overview of the RAHS program and outcomes of patient services during the pandemic and this school year to date.

Click [here](#) for the RAHS presentation.

**Trustee Townsend:** Physicals?

**Ms. Johnson:** A number of different physicals.

**Trustee Fields:** Glasses?

**Ms. Johnson:** Yes. Will replace glasses.

**Vice President Lee:** Mental health? Therapy?

**Ms. Johnson:** Individual, group, and psychotherapy.

**Vice President Lee:** Substance treatment?

**Ms. Johnson:** No, but we do substance education and will refer out.

Presentation: C. My Future Fund Presentation - Sara Saylor

My Future Fund is a new initiative that will support students and families, starting in elementary school, as they save and plan for future college and career training. Administered by the Washtenaw ISD and funded by Washtenaw County Government and the American Rescue Plan Act, My Future Fund will launch this May. Local districts, including Ypsilanti Community Schools, will be important partners in rolling-out and sustaining this work. Sara Saylor, My Future Fund Coordinator, will give an overview presentation to the Board.

Click [here](#) for the Future Fund presentation.

Click [here](#) for the Future Fund MOU.

**Trustee Townsend:** Any school requirements?

**Ms. Saylor:** Any higher education, apprenticeships and equipment for that apprenticeship.

**Trustee Townsend:** If they leave the district?

**Ms. Saylor:** The advisory committee is still working on answering that question. They want students to have access to the money.

**Trustee Townsend:** An investment account, minimum amount into the account?

**Ms. Saylor:** We are working with Michigan Education Saving Program about those kinds of questions. Families will not be able to directly deposit into the My Future Funds that the WISD is stewarding.

**Trustee Gainsley:** Not set up for families to make additional deposits into it?

**Ms. Saylor:** Families can't directly deposit into the My Future Funds account but are working to help families find ways to save concurrently.

**Vice President Lee:** A trust account that only the child can access when they are old enough?

**Ms. Saylor:** A large (omnibus) account that we are holding all the funds for the families and we will let them know how much is allocated for them to use for college or training. It's a pre-scholarship. A big pool of funds to give to students when they are ready to exit school.

**Trustee Fields:** How much money for each student?

**Ms. Saylor:** It will depend on how much there is in the big pot and how many students take advantage of it. Can use the funds any way they need to.

**Trustee Townsend:** How will income be considered?

**Ms. Saylor:** Using supplemental nutritional eligibility status to determine eligibility.

**Trustee Gainsley:** How is this being distributed?

**Ms. Saylor:** I don't have the numbers in my head but I'm happy to get that information about the distribution to you.

**Trustee Schindler:** Who guarantees this? Could this go away in a few years, and the kids are expecting the money, and it isn't there?

**Mr. Marcel:** There is no guarantee. If the financial markets go in the toilet there is no guarantee. There are controls built in. The advisory committee is going to consider what type of investment.

**Vice President Lee:** What about this \$475?

**Ms. Saylor:** The Covid recovery money will also be put into the My Future Fund account.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Who are the certain students who are eligible?

**Ms. Saylor:** The students who attend a public school academy or a school in a public district.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Will this money reduce a student's eligibility to get a grant or scholarship? Will this be counted against a student?

**Ms. Saylor:** A consideration we will have to educate families around. It won't impact them initially but may upon their withdrawing the funds. A consideration we have when they fill out their financial aid paperwork.

**Dr. Hawkins:** A number of educational workshops?

**Ms. Saylor:** We plan to have many workshops, robust education.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Students who move out of state and it is determined that they can't use the funds, what happens to those funds?

**Ms. Saylor:** The funds just roll back into the My Future Funds collective of money.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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**Ms. Fundi:** Bus issue

**Ms. Abwe:** Bus issue

**Ms. Nyirangabimana:** Bus issue

**Ms. Forsman:** Bus issue

**Mr. Russo:** Bus issue

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent), Minutes, Report: A. Consent Agenda

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) March 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 3/27/23; New Hires and Resignations.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the:

1) March 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

2) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 3/27/23; New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

#### 9. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Third Reading of Neola Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 2 - February 2022

Re: NEOLA of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 2 - February 2022

The Board of Education shall adopt bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and the District. The Policy Subcommittee has reviewed the following, the board has had the first and second readings at previous meetings, and will commence the third and final reading.

**Trustee Schindler** led the discussion.

Discussion: B. Second Reading of Neola Policy Updates - Vol. 37, No. 1 - September 2022

Re: NEOLA of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Vol. 37, No. 1 - September 2022

The Board of Education shall adopt bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and the District. The Policy subcommittee has recently reviewed the following policies, and the board of education had the first reading of these policies at the March 13, 2023 board meeting.

**Trustee Schindler** led the discussion.

**Trustee Townsend**: Cover mileage but not the meeting?

**Trustee Schindler**: Yes. You can be reimbursed for the travel but not the meeting.

**Trustee Townsend**: So if I'm on a Zoom call for two hours there is no travel so I don't get anything?

**Trustee Schindler**: Correct.

**Trustee Gainsley**: Appreciate Trustee Schindler and her attention to detail. Also appreciate the clarity because we have heard of other boards abusing the policy.

**Trustee Townsend**: For the record, people really need to understand when they step into a position of leadership because there is a lot of work that has to be done on behalf of the district and it is a lot of time.

**Vice President Lee**: Money for meals is small.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross**: That is what the staff has. That is from the state.

**Trustee Schindler**: PO 6108 is not a new policy for us and there is no update for it. We will just indicate that it was reviewed with no change.

#### 10. ACTION ITEM: Neola Policy Updates

Action: A. Adoption of the NEOLA Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 2

Re: NEOLA of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 2 - February 2022

The Board of Education shall adopt bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and the District. The Policy subcommittee reviewed the NEOLA policies and the Board had its first and second readings at previous board meetings. The third reading occurred earlier in the meeting, and pending no additional changes or discussion required, the board will consider adopting the policies.

...MOVE THAT the board of education adopt the NEOLA policy updates, as presented: Vol. 36, No. 2 - February 2022.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

#### 11. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Paving projects at Erickson, Perry, Shadford and YCHS - Aaron Rose

Paving projects at Erickson, Perry, Shadford and YCHS

SIGMA Request for Proposal published 2/16/23

Mlive legal ad ran 2/19/23

RFP due 3/2/23

Results [linked here](#)

Recommendation

Our recommendation would be to contract with Best paving company for each of the sites and sections listed below and that were included in the RFP

Erickson

[Map](#)

Best- sections

C- \$70,000

D- \$53,000

A will be postponed until YCUA completes project

Not B due to condition

Perry

[Map](#)

Best- sections

A- \$97,000

C- \$37,000

Not B due to budget

Shadford

[Map](#)

Best-

Eastern ¾ of section A- \$323,000

Not Western ¼ due to budget

YCHS

[Map](#)

Best-

Western ½ of section A-\$127,000

B-\$112,000

D- \$58,000

Not C due to condition and budget

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the recommendation for Best Paving Company for the paving projects at Erickson, Perry, Shadford, and YCHS for \$877,000.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: B. Electric Infrastructure for EV Vehicles - Aaron Rose  
Electric Infrastructure for EV vehicles  
SIGMA Request for Proposal published 2/2/23  
Mlive legal ad ran 2/5/23  
RFP due 2/16/23

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Our recommendation is Harper Electric to install the electrical infrastructure, including the chargers for our EV project

**Vice President Lee:** How far can the buses go on a charge?

**Mr. Rose:** They can go a complete run.

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the recommendation to have Harper Electric install the electrical infrastructure for the EV project for \$197,500.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: C. Electric EV Charger (10) - Aaron Rose  
Electric EV charger (10)  
SIGMA Request for Proposal published 2/2/23  
Mlive legal ad ran 2/5/23  
RFP due 2/16/23

[YCS EV TEN Bus Charger Bid Tab - Copy.xlsx](#)

Highlighted

Our recommendation is the ABB chargers and software provided by Mercer

**Trustee Gainsley:** When we were awarded the bus from the EPA they said they would help us find grants for the chargers. Has we?

**Mr. Rose:** Yes.

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the recommendation for ABB chargers and software from Mercer for \$229,440.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: D. Electric Vehicle (10-EV buses) - Aaron Rose  
Electric Vehicle (10-EV buses)  
SIGMA Request for Proposal published 2/2/23  
Mlive legal ad ran 2/5/23  
RFP due 2/16/23

[YCS EV Bus Bid Tab.xlsx](#)

Highlighted

Our recommendation is Hoekstra Bus. They are the low bidder and hold the grant to pay for the buses through the EPA. We will have extras on the buses as well that will add an additional \$35,000 per bus. The added amenities and warranties to match our existing buses and extend all possible warranties to 5 years to meet the grant application requirements.

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the recommendation for Hoekstra Bus to provide the EV buses for \$3,671,730.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: E. ½ Ton Maintenance Vehicle - Aaron Rose  
½ ton maintenance vehicle  
SIGMA Request for Proposal published on 2/2/23  
Mlive legal ad ran 2/5/23  
RFP due 2/16/23

Results [linked here](#)

Gene Butman- offered voluntary alternate for ½ ton F150 equivalent to state pricing for \$38,762.28

Recommendation

Our recommendation would be to purchase the F150 with the specifications listed in the RFP, from Gene Butman for the purchase price of \$38,762.28

**Dr. Hawkins:** Where is the money coming from?

**Mr. Rose:** 100% general fund

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the recommendation to purchase a 1/2 ton maintenance vehicle, the F150, from Gene Butman for \$38,762.28.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: F. ¾ Ton Maintenance Vehicle - Aaron Rose

¾ ton maintenance vehicle

SIGMA Request for Proposal published 2/2/23

Mlive legal ad ran 2/5/23

RFP due 2/16/23

Results [linked here](#)

Gene Butman- offered voluntary alternate for 1 ton F350 for \$47,966.56

Recommendation

Our recommendation would be to purchase the F350, an alternate from the specifications listed in the RFP, from Gene Butman for the purchase price of \$47,966.56

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the recommendation to purchase a 3/4 ton maintenance vehicle, the F350, from Gene Butman for \$47,966.56.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: G. Acceptance of the 180 Program for YCMS Proposal - Carlos Lopez

YCS is in need of a Comprehensive Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health School-Wide Behavior Support Partnership for YCMS. The 180 Program (from Total Package Lifestyle, LLC) will allow all YCMS students to participate in a research-based behavior modification program that provides trauma-informed support and social-emotional learning service for all students. The 180 Program is designed to offer school-wide positive culture and climate support, increase student motivation, and engage students in great learning opportunities. The 180 Program enhances not only behavior and character but also achievement in all core content areas. The support provided helps to decrease disciplinary referrals and increase academic achievement for middle school students. The 180 Program entails push-ins, pull-outs, small groups, one-on-one, whole group prevention, and intervention.

Click [here](#) to view the proposal.

**Trustee Townsend:** Are all the services conducted in the school?

**Dr. Johnson (CEO):** Program started in 2004. A behavior modification and professional development system. Since the pandemic, we have employed social-emotional learning. It is a school-wide support system.

**Trustee Townsend:** Putting staff into the school to help with behavior?

**Dr. Johnson:** Yes, ma'am.

**Dr. Hawkins:** How does the 180 Program compliment programs already in the school?

**Dr. Johnson:** Works on a structure. Looks to see what programs are already there. We saw room for growth to partner with groups already there.

**Trustee Townsend:** For today until the end of the school year?

**Dr. Johnson:** Yes, ma'am.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Dr. Johnson has worked with most of our principals, he drove 3 hours to work in Muskegon Heights.

**Dr. Johnson:** We have worked in 25 states and 36 different districts. We have a great reputation.

**Trustee Townsend:** Staff is male/female?

**Dr. Johnson:** We always supply at least one female. We do a student audit every thirty days. So we can see all the behaviors that are taking place and the corrective actions.

**Vice President Lee:** Thought it was curriculum. He is bringing his staff in to support our staff but he didn't bring anything to present. I don't know who he is.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** He has presented to Ms. Neal and our staff.

**Dr. Hawkins:** This is a recommendation from the district.

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts the 180 Program for YCMS proposal for \$62,542.50.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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No comments.

## 13. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

**Vice President Lee:** Went to a Head Start meeting on 3/17/23. WISD is using left over ESSER funds to provide playground equipment for Perry and security at Ford. Beatty, Perry, and Ford will be getting outdoor classroom furniture for outdoor classrooms. There is a vacancy for Vice-president so they are looking for a parent to fill that position. The next meeting is 4/19/23 at 9:00 a.m.

**Trustee Goodrich:** WASB Legislative breakfast was this morning. We were the best represented district their. Presented the officers. Presentation from Naomi Norman. Senators Morgan and Shink are hearing the message that we are trying to send and are advocating on our behalf in Lansing. Special education mileage coming from the WISD in 2024. CTE and its value in local districts. Conversation about teacher shortages. Put pressure on our legislators and the governor to address the concerns in our district. Next breakfast is scheduled for May 22nd. **Dr. Hawkins:** Has the WISD considered a hybrid option for these breakfast?

**Trustee Townsend:** I will talk to Superintendent Norman to make sure it is an option next time.

**Trustee Gainsley:** YC Foundation - the teachers that got mini-grants came a talked about how the grants are being used. The foundation gave away \$10,000 in grants to teachers. Goal is to double that next year. Scholarship applications are open for students. There is a new head of scholarships for the foundation.

**Trustee Schindler:** SEAB - trying to get more students involved. A project that has been successful in Ann Arbor is to have peer-educators. We are thinking of trying it here.

#### 14. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

**Trustee Townsend:** Easter Egg hunt on 4/8/23 at 10:00 a.m. at Perry. Easter Bunny is here. Last year we had almost 400 kids. A special shout out to all the organizations. Mr. Rose, thank you for the building tours.

**Trustee Fields:** Enjoyed the tours. She voted for the officers for the WASB.

**Trustee Schindler:** Transportation - are we addressing it? It is concerning for me.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Congratulations to the A.C.C.E. Robotics team. It was exciting to see it unfold.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Thank you to everyone who had anything to do with the tours. The middle school had a great presentation. The MASB is having a Spring Institute and a lot of good workshops. I will be attending. The MASB is recognizing those who have completed classes this year with district distinctions: Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Lee, and Trustee Townsend.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** I am concerned about transportation. Thank you, Mr. Rose, for stepping in to fill that gap for the interim. We have been working on it the entire year. We have added additional services through There and Back. We are looking at the contract but can't add or change routes. There and Back are small buses so we can't use them for the bigger routes. Over a million dollars over in transportation. We are using different companies to get our students to athletic events. We offer bus passes for older students to take public transportation. I don't want any of them to miss school. When we don't have people to drive the bus, we are looking at companies to supply drivers because we have buses. Our drivers and monitors are appreciated. We don't have contracted services. We are paying higher than other places. We are doing the best we can within our contract. We are open to ideas. We can't pay more because of the contract. The PTOs at schools can work together to maybe try to carpool students. We want our students to be safe at school and get their meals also. We have the number one homeless population in the county. We are taking this very seriously. What buses we can run. **Trustee Fields:** the families don't even know when buses aren't coming. Communication is not happening. **Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Mr. Rose, can we address that again? Mr. Rose: PowerSchool updates are the biggest failures. The bus app will give you information. The announcement only goes out the people affected by the bus information.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Transportation is a challenge and everyone is doing their best. A board workshop about transportation. Maybe expand it to the community. We are spending a lot of money to transport a lot of students across the district. **Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Before the pandemic, we would satellite the students so they would go to a neighborhood school and then be brought to another school from there. Our system isn't set up to do what we are doing. **Trustee Schindler:** Why did we change that? **Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Because after the pandemic, we were having less students on the bus for safety reasons (socially distancing). **Trustee Schindler:** We need a reset. **Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Yes. It happened after the pandemic. It's how we came back. **Mr. Rose:** We have a transportation action committee with principals that meet two times a month. **Trustee Townsend:** We need to figure something out because parents have come to the school board twice about this issue. **Dr. Hawkins:** My recommendation is to set a date to discuss this. **Trustee Gainsley:** We can't change a lot because we can't change the contract. **Dr. Hawkins:** It is not the district's intention to not get students to school. We are in the business of education. We can't create people. **Dr. Zachery-Ross:** We have a newcomers center to handle situations that we need to investigate.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.