

REGULAR MEETING - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Monday, January 22, 2024)**Members present**

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

Members absent

Maria Goodrich

Meeting called to order at 6:34 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. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Ypsilanti Community Connected School 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 Ypsilanti Community Connected School.

Principal Ingraham and YC2S staff presented the Points of Pride.

Click [here](#) to view the YC2S Points of Pride.

Trustee Fields: Where is the 1st grade?

Principal Ingraham: Anything we do, the school is K8.

Trustee Townsend: They have a very strong parent turnout. A fabulous staff, they do an excellent job so thank you.

Trustee Gainsley: YCS shows up for the Michigan Association of Computer Users and Learning (MACUL) Conference. Our team was leading the way at the conference. Well done.

Dr. Hawkins: Thank you again. You do it so well.

Principal Ingraham; We really appreciate the board and the leadership and the ability to do something different.

Presentation, Recognition: B. January is Board Appreciation Month

YCS would like to recognize January School Board Member Appreciation Month. Thank you, school board members, for serving the children in our community!

Dr. Zachery-Ross read the resolution and poem. The executive cabinet handed out the gifts.

Click [here](#) to view the YCS Board Recognition Resolution.

Dr. Hawkins: We are unapologetic in our approach, doing the right thing at the right time with the right people which is why we get things done. Thank you for your support and can't imagine serving on any other board.

Trustee Townsend: We are destined to be together. Humbling to see our scholars graduating. Thank you to everyone who makes up our family. We don't play on this board.

Trustee Schindler: It's an honor to serve on this board with these women and the incredible leadership. Filled with joy and so excited to see what is happening for the kids.

Vice President Lee: Thank you to the community for entrusting me with their babies because they are my babies, too, and I am proud of them. Thank you.

Trustee Fields: Ditto to everything everyone has said. I came to the position for the kids because I love the kids. Thank you to our staff and everyone.

Trustee Gainsley: Proud to be part of this district and what it has accomplished.

Presentation: C. YCS MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of YCS is to develop mindful, engaged students with the skill set, work ethic, and attitude to contribute to a community that honors diversity, equity and justice.

Dr. Zachery-Ross read the mission statement.

4. PRESENTATION

Presentation: A. Five-Year Retrospective Presentation

A presentation will be made to the board about the past 5 years at YCS.

Click [here](#) to view the Five-Year Retrospective.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Covered ideas and achievements

Dr. Lopez: Graduation rates

Ms. McCarty: The rapport that we have with the union and the value the staff brings

Mr. Butler: The use and management of the ESSER funds

Dr. Coscarella: LEAP Grant, we get to give books away to students

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you to the community for the Sinking Fund, we were ahead of the game with the HVAC systems. People are coming back to events, the student section at the football games. Reviewed the Looking Ahead portion.

Dr. Hawkins: You know the work is happening, and it is good to pause and review it. Thank you.

Vice President Lee: Thank you. Happy to be part of this team.

5. 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 Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

3 comments

Peri Stone-Palmquist: Concerned about the special education in the district, highlight and focus on special education

Ben Murphy-Smith: Concerned about the special education in the district

Layla Mohammed: Kids in need of health evaluation for educational difficulties

Charlotte Tillerson: Board appreciation on behalf of YCEA, thank you

Lydia Lanni: Concerned about the special education in the district, a lot of patients with a lot of needs, we are here and want to collaborate with you

7. ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON & APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Action, Discussion, Procedural: A. Acting Chairperson Nomination

... MOVE TO nominate Dr. Zachery-Ross to serve as acting chairperson for this Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Procedural: B. Temporary Secretary Appointment

Acting Chairperson will appoint a temporary Secretary.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: I hereby appoint Julie Haines as acting secretary.

8. BOARD ORGANIZATION

Action, Discussion, Procedural: A. Nomination & Election of BOARD OFFICERS

Verbal nominations for candidates for each of the four offices will be solicited one at a time. Nominations for office do not require seconds. Once all officers have been elected, the newly elected president should preside over the meeting.

If more than one person is nominated for single office, a majority vote should be used to identify the majority candidate for that position. If only one Board member is nominated for an office, the president or person presiding over the meeting shall seek a motion to elect that member by acclamation. The election of officers shall proceed in sequence until all officers are elected.

#1: President

#2: Vice-President

#3: Secretary

#4: Treasurer

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Who is interested in serving as president of the board?

Dr. Hawkins: I am interested in continuing to serve in this role.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Who is interested in serving in the role of president of the board? Pause. Who is interested in serving in the role of president of the board? Pause. Who is interested in serving in the role of president of the board? We have one person interested in this role so the nominations are open at this time.

Trustee Schindler: I'm grateful that Dr. Hawkins is willing to continue to serve in this role because she is excellent at it.

...MOVE TO nominate Dr. Celeste Hawkins to serve as President until the 2025 Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Yvonne Fields.

Roll Call Vote: (6) Ayes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Who is interested in serving as vice president of the board?

Trustee Lee: I am interested in continuing to serve in this role.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Who is interested in serving in the role of vice president of the board? Pause. Who is interested in serving in the role of vice president of the board? Pause. Who is interested in serving in the role of vice president of the board? We have one person interested in this role so the nominations are open at this time.

...MOVE TO nominate Sharon Lee to serve as Vice President until the 2025 Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Dr. Hawkins.

Roll Call Vote: (6) Ayes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Who is interested in serving as secretary of the board?

Trustee Gainsley: May I make a nomination?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Yes

Trustee Gainsley:...MOVE TO nominate Maria Goodrich to serve as Secretary until the 2025 Organizational Meeting.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Are there any other persons interested in serving in the role of secretary of the board? Pause. Are there any other persons interested in serving in the role of secretary of the board? Pause. Are there any other persons interested in serving in the role of secretary of the board? We have the nomination of Maria Goodrich.

Motion by Gillian Gainsley, second by M. Jeanice Townsend.

Roll Call Vote: (6) Ayes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Who is interested in serving as treasurer of the board?

Trustee Townsend: I am interested in serving in this role.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Are there any other persons interested in serving in the role of treasurer of the board? Pause. Are there any other persons interested in serving in the role of treasurer of the board? Pause. Are there any other persons interested in serving in the role of treasurer of the board? We have one person interested in this role so the nominations are open at this time.

...MOVE TO nominate Trustee Townsend to serve as treasurer until the 2025 Organizational Meeting.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Meredith Schindler.

Roll Call Vote: (6) Ayes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): B. Appointments of BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS & LIAISONS

#1: Parliamentarian: Trustee Sharon Lee

#2: Head Start Policy Committee: Trustee Sharon Lee

#3: Legislative Relations Network (LRN) Designee: Trustee Maria Goodrich

#4: Washtenaw Association of School Boards (WASB) Representative: Trustee M. Jeanice Townsend

#5: Ypsilanti Foundation Board Liaison: Trustee M. Jeanice Townsend

#6: Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Convention Delegate & Alternate:

A. Delegate Trustee Yvonne Fields

B. Alternate Trustee M. Jeanice Townsend

#7: Coordinated School Health Team: Trustee Meredith Schindler

#8: Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB): Trustee Meredith Schindler

The following subcommittees may include 1-3 members, unless noted otherwise:

#1: Policy Subcommittee: Trustee #1 & Chair: Meredith Schindler

Trustee #2: Maria Goodrich

Trustee #3: Celeste Hawkins

#2: Financial & Operational Planning Subcommittee: Trustee #1 & Chair: M. Jeanice Townsend

Trustee #2: Gillian Gainsley

Trustee #3: Yvonne Fields

#3: Strategic & Educational Performance (DTN) Subcommittee: Trustee #1 & Chair Dr. Hawkins

Trustee #2: Sharon Lee

Trustee #3: Maria Goodrich

#4: Community Relations Subcommittee: Trustee #1 & Chair: Yvonne Fields

Trustee #2: M. Jeanice Townsend

Trustee #3: Sharon Lee

Resolution: ...THAT the following appointments of Board representatives be approved and in effect until the next Organizational Meeting in January 2025.

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Motion by M. Jeanice Townsend, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Seeking Board approval of the presented meeting minutes and personnel matters; see attachments below.

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) January 8, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 1/16/24; New Hires and Resignations.

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

1) January 8, 2024, Special Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

2) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 1/16/24; New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. First Reading of Neola/Thrun Policy Updates - Special Update - November 2023

Re: NEOLA/Thrun of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Special Update - November 2023

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, and has now submitted these to begin the approval process.

Ms. McCarty: Reviewed the policies

11. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action, Procedural: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, March 10 - 11, 2024 (Kalamazoo)

This proposal comes from Chef Aaron Gaertner, CTE Instructor & ProStart Instructor. Students will compete against peers from the State of Michigan and have opportunity to win prizes and scholarships. ProStart Education Foundation writes the CTE curriculum for this class.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School/Culinary program to Port Huron on March 10 - 11, 2024.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: B. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: Ypsilanti Connected Community School, April 8, 2024 (Toledo, Ohio)

This proposal comes from Principal Kier Ingraham of YPSI Connected Community School. Students will have the opportunity to witness a rare celestial event in Ohio while visiting the Toledo Zoo. This trip, combining the solar eclipse and Toledo Zoo experience, reflects our dedication to providing a comprehensive educational journey for each student.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the field trip of Ypsilanti Connected Community School to Toledo, Ohio on April 8, 2024.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: C. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: Ypsilanti Connected Community School, April 30 - May 2, 2024 (Niagara Falls, Ontario)

This proposal comes from Principal Kier Ingraham of YPSI Connected Community School. Students will have an educational adventure to explore our international neighbors, witness a wonder of the world, and enhance their knowledge in marine biology. The proposed trip spans three days and two nights, taking students to Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Trustee Townsend: Are we clear on what the fund raisers will be and that all students who want to go will be able to?

Principal Ingraham: There are grants. There will be a minimum of about \$100. We have donations and some fund raisers. We have a strong support system. As long as the student participates in fund raising, they will be able to go.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of Ypsilanti Community Connected School to Niagara Falls, Ontario on April 30 - May 2, 2024.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12. ACTION ITEMS: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS

Action, Procedural: A. District Compliance Officers Appointment

... MOVE TO designate the following staff to serve as District Compliance Officers:

- 1) the Assistant Superintendent as 504 Compliance Officer, and;
- 2) the Director of Human Resources as District Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator (in compliance with Policy #s 2260.01 & 4123).

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action, Discussion: B. Board of Education Meeting Schedule Adoption

Monday, January 22, 2024

Monday, February 12, 2024

Monday, February 26, 2024

Monday, March 18, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Monday, April 22, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024

Monday, June 3, 2024

Monday, June 24, 2024

Monday, July 8, 2024

Monday, August 5, 2024

Monday, September 9, 2024

Monday, October 7, 2024

Monday, November 4, 2024

Monday, December 2, 2024

Monday, January 13, 2025

Trustee Townsend: For the retreat, can we know 60 days in advance?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Are there any dates you know you are available?

Dr. Hawkins: 2nd or 3rd week of August. When's the first day of school?

Trustee Schindler: If you do it like last year, it will be sometime during the week of August 26th.

Dr. Hawkins: It sounds like maybe sometime during the week of August 5th or 12th.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Any day better than another?

Trustee Gainsley: Fridays are the best days.

... TO ADOPT the Board of Education meeting schedule for January 22, 2024 - January 27, 2025.

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, Jeanice Townsend

13. ACTION ITEMS: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Business Items Review & Approval

Action, Procedural: A. Use of Facsimile Signature Authorization

... MOVE TO authorize the Director of Business and Finance to file the necessary forms with the appropriately designated banks to use the facsimile signature of the School District Superintendent on check draws of the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Payroll Account, Student Activities Fund and Trust Fund.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: B. Execute Contracts and Sign Documents on Behalf of the District Authorization

... MOVE TO designate, and limit thereto, the following administrators to sign contract and other documents on behalf of the District: Superintendent, or designee, and Director of Business and Finance.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: C. Bank Account Signatories Authorization

... MOVE TO approve the Board President, Superintendent, Board Treasurer, Director of Business/Finance, and, Finance/Accounting Supervisor as official signatories of bank accounts for the District.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action, Procedural: D. Depository for School District Funds Designation

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education utilize the following financial institutions as depositories for the following funds:

NORMAL OPERATIONS DEPOSITS & WITHDRAWALS:

- 1) Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus (MILAF+),
- 2) Bank of Ann Arbor, and
- 3) Fifth Third Bank

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS PAYING AGENTS:

- 1) Bank of New York,
- 2) Huntington National Bank,
- 3) U.S. Bank, and
- 4) Pacific Western

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action, Procedural: E. Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) Designation

... MOVE THAT the Board Treasurer or Director of Business and Finance be appointed as Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) in accordance with Policy #6144.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: F. Audit Firm Designation

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education designate Yeo and Yeo as its auditor for the year ending June 30, 2024.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: G. Legal Counsel Designation

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education authorize the following law firms as legal counsel for the District:

- 1) Thrun Law Firm, PC (retainer) and
- 2) Collins & Blaha PC

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: H. Newspaper for Bid Notices & Other Legal Postings Designation
 ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education designate The Ann Arbor News for bid notices and other legal postings.

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, Jeanice Townsend

Action, Procedural: I. Meeting Posting Responsibilities Designation
 ... MOVE THAT the Superintendent, or designee, will designate an appropriate, available person to post notices of public meetings.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Jeanice Townsend.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

14. ACTION ITEM: Business and Finance

Action: A. 2022-23 Annual Financial Audit Report: Damien Butler, Director of Business and Finance
 Yeo and Yeo, an independent accounting firm has audited our financial statements for the fiscal year 2022-23. The audited financial statements and single audit act compliance report for the year-end June 30, 2023, can be found under our January 22nd regular meeting link on our website after this Board meeting.

Click [here](#) to view the audit letter.

Click [here](#) to view the final 2023 audit report.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as audited by an independent firm, Yeo and Yeo.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Sharon Lee.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

Action: B. Acceptance of the Be Creative Studios Invoice

The Be Creative Studio, led by Mr. Curtis Wallace and Ms. Eden Spring, will provide job embedded professional development (PD) to YCS art teachers. This PD will be infused with a district wide art project that will culminate with the creation of three (3) murals. The art work will be produced with students at each of our schools in partnership with the Be Creative Studio. The artwork will be unveiled at the Arts Extravaganza in May of this year. The amount of the PD is \$52,274.68.

Trustee Townsend: This says we will have three murals. Do we know where they will be yet?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: We don't know yet. People will make suggestions.

Trustee Townsend: The funds are coming out of SEEK.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Yes.

Vice President Lee: Which schools will this involve?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: All eleven. They have had several meetings with Curtis Wallace and Eden Spring.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the Be Creative Studios invoice for \$52,274.68.

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, Jeanice Townsend

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment Protocol | Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 0167.3

*The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express their view.

*Please limit statements to three (3) minutes duration.

*Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants; no person may address or question Board members individually.

*Remarks shall be made in a respectful and professional manner.

Amanda Smith: New president of the YCSF, thank you for your service to the students and community and especially Trustee Gainsley as the representative to the YCSF board this past year and Trustee Townsend stepping up for this year. Watch for a potential fundraiser coming in October. There are no updates for scholarships. Is a part of the Secret Santa Society of Ypsilanti, there were 63 families supported this year and 50 of them were YCS families - the YCS social work team has been part of that.

16. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Vice President Lee: I would like a presentation on Black History 365.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thinking about how the student liaisons can have a voice.

Trustee Townsend: Maybe add that to the retreat agenda to implement for the new year.

Trustee Fields: Community Relations Subcommittee meeting was held.

Trustee Townsend: The most important item to come out of that meeting was the debt relief celebration moving, but we don't have a specific date yet. There is a spreadsheet to add names to for people to be invited to the celebration. Legislative Breakfast was this morning with a pretty full room. Discussion was congrats on the debt relief, school aid fund, reviving a school which is part of Lincoln for a special CTE program that will work in conjunction with other district, adult education, the program with the WISD and Eastern and there were 19 graduates from the program. Want to keep that program because it is a great way to help

para pros because teachers, talk on dyslexia and literacy bill. March 14th is the big annual meeting where we will be doing the budget, election of officers.

Dr. Hawkins: Excited to hear there may be funding for counselors, social workers, etc. Thank you again for your support.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you, Board. We want to recognize you during the Board Recognition Month. Thank you for being a supportive board to get things done for the students. We are meeting with the Treasury Department on Thursday. We need to continue to work with the students. Let's talk about helping our students today if you want to work with us. Continue the work even without the funds. We are looking at February 29th for the celebration, hoping that the majority of board members will be able to attend and other key people, students and staff. Please watch the weather. We pay attention to temperature, road conditions, drivers, building conditions to determine the safety of having school.

17. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.