

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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

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

Monday, February 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Celeste Hawkins at 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in three languages - English, Spanish and French - led by Estabrook Elementary students and Principal Ryan Johnson.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows, Secretary Sharon Lee, Treasurer Gillian Ream Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Maria Sheler-Edwards

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Meredith Schindler (out due to a two week professional development conference for her employer)

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Estabrook Elementary Points of Pride included: 1) 2nd Annual Events; 2) EMU Partnerships; 3) Estabrook I.M.P.A.C.T.; 4) A Magnet for Multiculturalism; 5) Volunteers; 6) Pool Repurposing, and; 7) Unified Arts.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS

Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC): HAWC Shelter Coordinator Sara Lamb and Associate Coordinator Kara Painter gave a program overview. There has been conversation about the YCS homeless population. HAWC assesses and refers individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of experiencing homelessness to housing resources in the county. County residents may call HAWC for housing assistance, information and/or a referral.

Blueprint Installation Fidelity Appraisal: Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross and MIExcel Blueprint Facilitator Turquoise Neal shared the results of our Blueprint Lobby Level Fidelity Appraisal that was performed by MIExcel last month. The findings, and a point of celebration for the team, showed installation of the Blueprint with STRONG FIDELITY. Dialogue on next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Lavada Weathers commented on race, referencing the SOAP Project (sex trafficking) and the 1619 Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the: 1) January 13, 2020 Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes, and; 2) personnel matters as per the attached list dated January 29, 2020: New Hires & Resignations.

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Field Trip: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, February 2020 (New Jersey) *Item Removed from Agenda; trip is no longer out-of-state nor overnight. Board vote is not required given the changes; no vote taken.*

~~MOTION TO approve the overnight/out-of-state field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School/Culinary program to New Jersey in February 2020.~~

Notes: Two changes to this trip were presented during the Board meeting by Principal Cory Gildersleeve and Chef Aaron Gaertner. #1: Change in location - from New Jersey to Grand Rapids, Michigan. #2: Change in trip date - no longer an overnight trip; is now a one-day only trip (February 21st). These changes were "last minute" in relation to the Board meeting. Chef shared some details on this trip. NASA came to him a couple days ago and asked him to work out the Grand Rapids trip. In addition, chef had a conference call with the Johnson Space Center. The hope is to make it to Houston. Chef also spoke of gaining insight on how food acts in microgravity.

Field Trip: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, March 2020 (Lansing)

MOTION TO approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School/Culinary program to Lansing in March 2020.

Motion by Ream Gainsley, supported by Meadows

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

Field Trip: YIES/5th Grade Camp, May 2020 (Reading, MI)

MOTION TO approve the overnight field trip of Ypsilanti International Elementary School 5th graders to Camp Kimball in Reading, Michigan in May 2020.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

Donation: ACCE, Anonymous Donor

MOTION TO accept a \$1,000 cash donation from an anonymous donor on behalf of the ACCE program.

Motion by Meadows, supported by Lee

Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: None**OTHER**

- *Champagne* shared the reason for the cancellation of our last meeting was due to a lack of a Board quorum. The Board Update this week was helpful. Spoke of the February 22nd WIHI event.
- *Hawkins* dialogued on the recent equity challenge, asking Board members to reflect on the impact to them. Board members did share, as did the superintendent.
- *Lee* spoke of 5th graders talking on race and having a safe place for the conversation.
- *Zachery-Ross* commented we would use a facilitator. We, ourselves, are not far enough along in our thoughts/conversation.
- *Hawkins* shared comments of the equity challenge from Schindler, who is absent at this meeting.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Ream Gainsley* mentioned that February 17th is a no school day. *Zachery-Ross* acknowledged, stating that we will still meet -- but without students to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- *Hawkins* spoke of the National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) at Night, which is Monday at Washtenaw Community College in the Towsley Auditorium.
- *Zachery-Ross* thanked the Board for passing the Black Lives Matter resolution, and, Communications/Marketing Coordinator Taryn Willis for her work on the t-shirt sale and the Black Lives Matter flag. Comments on the 21-Day Equity Challenge and the Board making it a priority, as did the buildings.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – Section 8 (h) OMA, Attorney-Client Privilege

MOTION TO convene in closed session under Section 8(h) of the OMA: Attorney-Client Privilege.

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

The meeting was called to closed session at 8:12 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:08 p.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – Section 8 (c) OMA, Collective Bargaining Strategy

MOTION TO convene in closed session under Section 8(c) of the OMA: Collective Bargaining Strategy.

Motion by Lee, supported by Ream Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

The meeting was called to closed session at 9:12 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:27 p.m.

APPROVAL/YCSESPS Contract Negotiations

MOTION TO approve the contract negotiations between the District and the Ypsilanti Community Schools Educational Support Professional Association (YCSESPA), MEA/NEA, effective upon ratification.

Motion by Lee, supported by Champagne

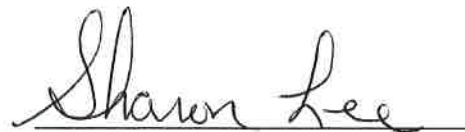
Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes

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

Meeting Adjourned: 9:29 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman *peg*

Date Approved: February 17, 2020



Sharon Lee, Secretary
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools