

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, April 11, 2022)

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Members present

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

Members absent

Meredith Schindler

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 AMENDED AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Amended Agenda

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

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Information, Recognition: A. Perry Early Learning Center Points of Pride

The YCS Board of Education would like to reinstitute a practice that has been on hold since the start of the pandemic: the reading of our school's points of pride. Today we will start with Perry Early Learning Center.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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6. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. Request for Closed Session- Pursuant to Sections 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act to review and consider the content of an application for employment

The Board of Education will be going into closed session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act to review and consider the content of an application for employment.

The board moved into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act to review and consider the content of an application for employment.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. REQUEST TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Procedural: A. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board of Education will return to Open Session.

The board moved into open session at 7:03 p.m.

8. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. Closed Session – Pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute

The Board of Education will be going into closed session pursuant to sections 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

The board moved into closed session at 7:04 p.m.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. REQUEST TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Procedural: A. Reconvene to Open Session

The Board of Education will return to Open Session.

The board moved into open session at 9:10 p.m. followed by a 5 minute recess.

10. PRESENTATION

Presentation: A. Explanation of Millage Ballot Wording - Priya Nayak

Ms. Priya Nayak, the Ypsilanti Community Schools' director of business service and finance, will give a presentation on the upcoming Operating Millage renewal on the ballot.

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

11. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action, Procedural: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, April 2022 (Houston, Texas)

This proposal comes from Chef Aaron Gaertner, CTE Instructor & ProStart Instructor. Students will compete against their peers from all over the United States and, with hard work, win prizes and scholarships, with the winning team getting a full-ride scholarship to Sullivan University, the National Center for Hospitality Studies in Louisville, Kentucky. Go Grizzlies!

[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 Houston, Texas, in April 2022 for the NASA Hunch Culinary Challenge National Championship.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) March 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 4/7/22; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

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1) [March 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)

2) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 4/7/22; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

13. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Second Reading of NEOLA Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 1

Re: NEOLA of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 1 - September 2021

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.

14. BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Discussion: A. Facilities

YCS Facilities and Operations Director, Aaron Rose, will facilitate a workshop on facilities.

[Click here to see the agenda for this workshop.](#)

Aaron Rose: George School or ACCE has a low occupancy and the HVAC system needs a pretty costly overhaul. We are working with a DTE engineer to complete audits in all the school buildings starting with ACCE.

15. ACTION ITEM: Neola Policy Updates

Action: A. Adoption of the NEOLA Policy Updates

Re: NEOLA of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Vol. 36, No. 1 - September 2021

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 reading at its previous board meeting. The second 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. 1 - September 2021.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

16. ACTION ITEM: Human Resources

Action: A. Potential New Hire: Approval of Employment

The Board will consider the request and determine the employment opportunity.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the district's employment request.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

17. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of YCS Paving Project for Ford Early Learning Center and Holmes Elementary School

We are seeking approval for the paving projects at Ford Early Learning Center and Holmes Elementary School using Best Paving. The proposal includes both the bus loop and parking lot at Holmes (excludes the driveway from Peabody to the staff lot on the East side of the building) and the West parking lot and bus loop at Ford (excludes the East staff parking lot). The total cost of the project is \$319,000.00.

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

Click [here](#) to view the paving maps.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Best Paving Proposal for Ford Early Learning Center and Holmes Elementary School's paving project in the amount of \$319,000.00.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. Acceptance of the AE Asset Build

This request is the final component to the Asset Essentials platform. We have a work order system that allows end users to communicate issues that require the attention of the YCS facilities department. We are asking for your approval of this proposal for data entry. The proposal details all the equipment and related assets that should be entered into our database to support the information collection process required to make data informed decisions. Dude Solutions is excited about providing YCS with online tools that will help us save money, increase efficiency and improve services. Equipment Inventory Data Gathering is performed through the conduction of staff interviews and physical onsite data gathering. This will provide an "Equipment Inventory." By leveraging DSI's Equipment Inventory Data Gathering service, DSI clients are able to track work related to individual assets and make better data driven decisions related to those items.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Dude Solutions Proposal for the final component for the district inventory project in the amount of \$81,494.00.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: C. Acceptance of the District Wide Video Upgrade

Projectors throughout the district have been experiencing burnout over the last several years. These projectors have a limited lifespan due to the excessive heat that builds up. Addition, the projectors are currently models that have been discontinued and we rely on third party vendors to supply replacement bulbs and parts, which increases the cost of ownership.

To address all of these concerns we want to reimagine all district spaces that currently utilize projectors and reassess what type of device would be a best fit for the district. The majority of classrooms and meeting spaces will have interactive flat panel displays installed while a small number of open spaces will have either mobile interactive flat panel displays or long throw projectors. This will greatly decrease the electrical cost to the district as well since panels will consume much less power.

Documentation

Quote for Interactive Flat Panels

Interactive Flat Panels: \$1,230,592.00 (304 spaces)

Mobile Interactive Flat Panels: \$30,086.00 (7 spaces)

Quote for Long Throw Projectors

Long Throw Projectors: \$127,512.00 (22 spaces)

Optional Audio Setup: \$1,887.00 (per room)

Total Cost to the District: \$1,429,704 (includes option audio setup, or \$1,388,190 without)

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, Data Image quote for interactive flat panels and long throw projectors in the amount of \$1,429,704.00.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: D. Acceptance of the Security Camera Upgrade for WR Complex and Chapelle

The YCS technology department is working on finishing up the security camera upgrade with Convergent, which has been taking place in the district for about a year now. This final estimate covers the following areas: WRMS, Transportation and Resiliency Center, and Chapelle. It includes: cameras, warranty, additional supporting items, and labor and is estimated at \$278,500.15.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Convergent quote for the security camera upgrade for WR Complex and Chapelle project in the amount of \$278,500.15.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: E. Donation: 4 Musical Instruments to the YCHS Band Program

Community member, William Crosby, donated 4 instruments to the YCHS band program, included a tuba, 2 trombones, and a trumpet with the approximate value of \$1200. Thank you so much, Mr. Crosby, for your thoughtfulness and your generous donation! We are stronger together.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept a donation of 4 instruments to the YCHS band program with the approximate value of \$1200.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: F. Donation: Books for our Second Graders

The Second Graders at Erickson Elementary, Estabrook Elementary, Holmes Elementary, and Ypsilanti International Elementary, along with teachers and the media centers, will each receive the book, "The Planet We Live On," written by Shanda Trent. Randy and Shanda Trent are donating the books worth approximately \$3400. Thank you so much, Randy and Shanda, for your generous donation. We are excited for the students to have the books in time to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept a book donation for our second graders of the book "The Plant We Live On" with the approximate value of \$3400.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

18. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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19. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

Trustee Goodrich: So I just wanted to share publicly the results of last month's organizational meeting of the Washtenaw Area School Boards and we have a new slate of officers. Our officers for the next year: our Past President is Michael McVey of Saline, President is Jessica Kelly of Ann Arbor, Vice President is Thomas Rollins of Lincoln Consolidated, Legislative Relations Network is Kirsten Frait of Milan and Secretary/Treasurer is M. Jeanice Townsend YCS.

Trustee Gainsley: The Facilities and Operations Committee did meet and had a conversation about quite a few of the items that we have already discussed during this meeting. One of them being the changes to the George School and the high energy costs there and some concerns about the age of that building. Some tenant concerns across the district, and that is the update because a lot of it has been shared with the entire board during this meeting.

20. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Townsend: Everyone is invited to the Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at Perry Early Learning Center at 10:00 a.m. It is hosted by a number of different sponsors including the African American Organizations of Washtenaw Count and Friends. There will be games, prizes, food, drink, face painting, music, and more. Please come out.

Trustee Gainsley: We are excited about Grizzly Learning Camp. It will be from June 20 - August 11. Registration will open soon. Is the 2022-23 school calendar on the website?

Dr. Hawkins: We are gathering information to find out if the board can do a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on May 17th and then the board workshop at 6:30 p.m.

We had a discussion and it was determined that we will cancel the regular board meeting on May 16th and have a regular board meeting on May 17th at 5:30 p.m. followed by a board workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: I sent the information from the RCTC students about their NASA Hunch Challenge including their recipes, research paper, and video. Thank you, Ms. Nayak, for the clarifying presentation on the upcoming millage proposal. We are heading into the election season. I was fortunate to see Dr. Hawkins and Trustee Townsend represent the district well at the Power, Pearls, and Presence Everywhere virtual panel and discussion hosted by the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. It was a moment to be proud, to talk about how to become elected, to clarify information from those who are interested in seeking office. Just the fact that our board members continue to lead the way. There were board members from other districts but we had two board members there and that made me really proud. I just want to thank you both for sharing and answering with clear, concise answers for people thinking about running for this important office and how our board members take the role very seriously. Just a reminder that this Friday students have a half day because of professional development. There's no school on Monday, for students and staff. It's a comp day and is on our calendar for staff staying late for parent-teacher conferences. With state testing for elementary and secondary, this week into next it is important that students come to school this week. It's important that students come to participate in the testing. We know that is sometimes challenging for our students and just know that Monday they can rest. I thank our amazing teachers, staff, everybody because we say everyone here are educators in their own right, in their own way and we know that as we end the school year strong, we need every single one of them to join with us to support our students. We need to rebuild the stamina to make it to June. There is time between the end of school and Grizzly Learning Camp to get recharged. We're excited about Grizzly Learning Camp from June 20 August 11 and being able to stay engaged. So, we invite you to participate. There

are wonderful opportunities as we look forward to them participating. We will be utilizing Perry and the Willow Run campus so that's gonna be exciting and our high school. There is wonderful planning happening behind the scenes for our students. We will have that application coming out soon. The application has the parent deciding on which sessions and we're going to accept all who applied, we just need to know what sessions for the staff, so we can have our food ready, transportation ready, and so please when we get that application out turn it on, so we can make the plans and be prepared for our amazing scholars to come and experience another wonderful Grizzly Learning Camp.

Dr. Hawkins: Next Wednesday, I will be putting on a career day. Ms. Cash and Ms. Willis have been wonderful to work with. They and some of our school of social work interns are making it possible to have this career day for our students, so we will have a business leaders to talk about careers. We will have the first part in the afternoon at the middle school and then the evening will be at the high school. There will be food. I want to give a shout out to my wonderful EMU interns. And lastly, I just want to say thank you to Ms. Haines and Ms. Houston and her team for making sure the board has some lovely snacks for this evening.

21. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.