

## REGULAR MEETING (Monday, February 7, 2022)

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### Members present

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

### Member absent

Sharon Lee

### 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. ACHIEVEMENT, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Award Winner - National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) - Alexandra Cash

Congratulations to Alexandra Cash on winning a free one-year membership to the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA)!

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda

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

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. PRESENTATION

Presentation: Goal Progress Report, Dr. Carlos Lopez

Dr. Carlos Lopez, YCS Assistant Superintendent will present on YCS Goal Progress.

**Trustee Schindler:** What did we expect to see?

**Dr. Lopez:** What we were expecting was much lower because of all the struggles and challenges are kids have been through. Academically we are in a better place than we thought we would be.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** The students are where they are supposed to be.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Students moving cohorts either leaving one and going to another or coming into one late.

**Dr. Lopez:** We can do a deeper dive.

**Trustee Townsend:** How are we looking at all the village aspect, after school programs etc. to see how the students are doing and how we can support that?

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** We have asked for data like that from our partners such as Parkridge and have not received it yet.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Are there any opportunities to help kids into transitional grades - 6th and 9th?

**Dr. Lopez:** The four middle school administrators are working with precision. It is calm there. Teachers are teaching and basically the students are focused on learning in the classrooms. They are really focusing on deep academic work.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** We are rethinking middle school. Making sure we still have the rigors of middle school but still need to work on maturity. We are trying to help them let go and maybe use some of the practices that happen in elementary school. Just trying to fill in the holes for each child and making sure their needs are met. We know we need to give more support to the transitional grades.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Do we have interventions from elementary to middle school and from middle school to high school set up?

**Dr. Lopez:** Bringing people to the table to talk about what can be done like giving fifth graders a tour of the middle school or helping eighth graders get credits even before they get to the high school and working with them that way. We are even working with the preschoolers into kindergarten.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** We are working with tier 1 and what is happening in those classrooms. We have Grizzly Learning Camp and working with those students and staff in those transitioning grades and providing learning all year around and not just in the classroom. We have been continuing meeting with the community college and the funds we received from the Ann Arbor Community Foundation to work specifically with the middle school and African-American males that will go through the summer. We can't explain why the extra offerings are not filled even though we keep pushing them out.

**Dr. Hawkins:** We can not understate the resilience, the dedication, and the perseverance of the parents, students, and educators.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

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.

7. 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 24, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 1/31/22; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

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Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8. ACTION ITEM: Human Resources

Action: A. Approval of Beatty Early Learning Center Principal Employee Contract: Sue McCarty, Director of Human Resources

The presented Beatty Early Learning Center Principal Employee Contract is provided for the position of the Beatty Early Learning Center Principal for Board review. It is recommended that the Board approve the employment contract of Ms. Erin Bradley.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Beatty Early Learning Center Principal Contract of Erin Bradley with the commencement date of February 21, 2022.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 9. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action, Procedural: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, February 2022 (Lansing)

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 Lansing in February 2022.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

Action: A. Acceptance of Bloom Roofing Systems Contract for YCMS Roof

The YCS district administration requests that the YCS board of education accept the Bloom roofing replacement proposal. The operations department has scheduled \$380,000 in the YCS Sinking Fund for the YCMS roof replacement in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. After careful review of the proposal, Bloom Roofing was determined to be the lowest qualifying bid and was determined to be the proposal to be considered for the Ypsilanti Community Middle School base bid.

The YCS Facilities Department recommends that the YCS BOE accept the Roof Replacement Proposal- Ypsilanti Community Middle School base bid in the amount of \$396,450.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Bloom Roof Replacement Proposal - Ypsilanti Community Middle School Sections C,E, F, K, and N roof project in the amount of \$396,450.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. Acceptance of the Capoeira International cdo Mangalot LLC Lease

This is a new lease, utilizing the boilerplate lease agreement. This is a six-month lease.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the Capoeira International cdo Mangalot LLC Lease.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: C. Donation: WISD and the Washtenaw County Mental Health Public Safety Preservation Millage Mental Health Donation  
ACCE has received a \$5000 Mental Health Grant! Thanks to the WISD and Community Mental Health, ACCE is building a program to support student and staff mental health. This grant is funded by the Washtenaw County Mental Health Public Safety Preservation Millage.

Stay tuned for more information about our student-led, Peer 2 Peer projects educating others in the community about reducing stigma, identifying symptoms, and promoting help-seeking!

Thank you to all involved in this most needed at-this-time and helpful grant!

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept a donation from the WISD and the Community Mental Health in the amount of \$5000 to support ACCE' student and staff mental health.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 11. ACTION ITEM: Other

Action: A. Selection of 2022 MASB Board of Director's Candidate

The Board of Education will select a candidate to represent the region from a list of the Michigan Association of School Board members below:

The 2022 MASB Board of Directors candidates for our region include three candidates. The Board will select one person for a three-year term:

Guillermo Lopez\*, Lansing School District

Susan Marlin-Zeilser, Monroe Public Schools

Michael McVey, Saline Area Schools

\* = Incumbent

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, Guillermo Lopez, for the 2022 MASB Board of Directors to represent the region.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. Adoption of Resolution to Provide Flexibility Regarding Daily Attendance Requirements

Ypsilanti Community Schools has been diligent about providing ongoing in-person instruction during this school year. We understand that in-person instruction is best for most students. We currently have (8) days of school when there was less than 75% attendance during a school day. This impacts the district by causing a loss in revenue. The Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education is encouraged to join in with MASB and other local districts in passing this resolution, calling on the Legislature to create flexibility for attendance requirements for this school year. Once adopted, the Board will share the resolution with our elected officials and MASB Government Relations staff.

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

**Trustee Goodrich:** Appreciate all the work that the staff and everyone is doing.

**Trustee Gainsley:** Appreciate Dr. Zachery-Ross bringing up all the issues that this policy is causing. It is really critical especially this year but even prior to the pandemic the 75 percent limitation really disproportionately punishes urban districts. This policy punishes districts for staying open and it is wildly unfair. It's critical this year but it will not go away next year so we need to continue to talk about it.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Our teachers and staff are coming to schools in some impossible situations and then to push staying open but only at a certain level to get full funding doesn't seem to center equity and I appreciate the comments being made and the resolution coming forward and I would really appreciate if the legislature would move forward on this.

.... MOVE that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Provide Flexibility Regarding Daily Attendance Requirements as presented.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

#### 13. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

**Trustee Townsend:** It is Black History Month and we have a presentation on Wednesday and another one on Thursday regarding scholarships.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Opportunities for our students to do internships and mentoring in professional development through Michigan Works.

**Trustee Goodrich:** Likes the streaming set-up and really appreciates all the work that went into it.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Thanks to the tech department. Thank you to the community for being involved and all the feedback. Welcome Erin Bradley. Thank you to Danielle Harden and Stephanie Wilson for standing in the gap at Beatty during this time. The resolution is very important. We want to ask if people are showing up that it counts. Last week's weather made it challenging and I would like to thank our grounds crew lead by Director Rose, for the sanitation, the sidewalk cleaning, making sure the pipes didn't burst in the buildings, being as proactive as possible - we see you, we appreciate you and thank you for going above and beyond. It's the little things. They care about the little details. The staff was still reaching out to the students on the virtual learning days so they knew that instruction was still going on, making the connections. I appreciate them. Head Start was a mandate from the president down that anyone who served in Head Start had to be vaccinated by January 31st or have a medical or religious exemption on file. It is everyone from transportation to food, grounds, everyone not just teachers or teacher assistants. There was nothing the district could do. It was a federal mandate. We had to comply to get funding for Head Start. We had to move some people. We didn't share their status with everyone but it is something we had to do. There was no appeal at the state level because it was federally mandated. Mary Kerwin will be here on February 28th for our meeting to continue to facilitate the board's long range planning. I have contacted Dr. Carter Andrews to find out if she can do a workshop on April 25th and have not heard back.

**Ms. Nayak:** This is a local millage. We get 18 mils. We get part of our funding from the state and part from local. The state assumes we collect 18 mils and gives us the rest of the money. In order to continue to get this money, we need to renew the millage. The current one that ends in December 2022 was approved back in 2017. We are asking for the millage renewal so we can continue to get this money for the next ten years.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** This is a continuation. No additional monies. There is no increase to our homeowners or businesses on their taxes. It just extends it for 10 years. We give people the data and they decide if they want to continue it. As we get closer to may 3rd, the election day, we will make sure to get out more information and make sure it is factual data.

**Trustee Goodrich:** We can only share the facts and data, we can't advocate for anything.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Yes. We have to follow that guideline but we have friends that can advocate very specifically.

**Trustee Townsend:** So we can share the flyer and encourage other community leaders to go to the website to get the facts and share those.

**Trustee Gainsley:** As a politician, you can say you are voting a certain way and encourage others to vote that way too. The district funded communications just can't say anything like that. We can't use district resources to advocate for it.

**Dr. Hawkins:** This will not be an increase.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.