

REGULAR MEETING (Tuesday, May 17, 2022)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 5:34 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

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

The YCS Board of Education is reinstating a practice that has been on hold since the start of the pandemic: the reading of our school's points of pride. Today's school is Beatty Early Learning Center.

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

4. 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, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment Protocol | Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 0167.3

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No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: ... 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.

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

1) May 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 5/17/22; New Hires.

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, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

7. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of Applied Imaging 5 Year Contract - Solomon Zheng

Applied Imaging has been our vendor for providing printing support services. They have been a very supportive partner in helping our district manage and maintain our fleet of printers. They are local, timely, and always reachable. In reviewing our contract with them we want to renew our contract but make few adjustments.

Rather than simply updating our fleet as it stands we realize we need to provide additional print options across the district. To both streamline management, reduce excessive print costs, and give better options to our staff we are proposing the following:

Replace all copiers from black and white to color

Implement a fully featured print and release system to better monitor and manage print usage

Reduce the number of smaller machines that broke more often and prove to be not as reliable

This will increase the average monthly cost about \$350 per month to \$7829.50 and is listed as Option 3 in the quote.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Applied Imaging proposal for the district printing support services averaging \$7829.50 per month.

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, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Workshop began at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Dorinda Carter-Andrews will continue to work with the YCS Board of Education in their quest for diversity, equity, and inclusion for the district.

Dorinda Carter Andrews, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University's College of Education
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Dorinda Carter Andrews is a professor and chairperson of the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University where she teaches courses on urban education, critical multiculturalism, and critical race theory. Her research is broadly focused on Black education and racial equity and justice in P-20 learning environments. She utilizes critical racial and Black feminist/womanist frameworks and methodologies to examine issues of race, culture, and power in schools. Dr. Carter Andrews is currently the Principal Investigator for a grant that explores racial equity in school discipline for Black students (funded by the W.T. Grant Foundation and Brady Education Foundation). She also works with school districts, universities, municipalities, corporations, and civic organizations on how to develop and maintain culturally responsive, inclusive, and equitable learning and work environments. She is a former industrial engineer, high school math teacher, and kindergarten teacher and has teaching experience in suburban, urban, charter, and independent schools.

In addition to numerous honors, Dr. Carter Andrews has given two TEDx talks on education – one entitled, "The Consciousness Gap in Education: An Equity Imperative" and another entitled, "Teach Kids to Be Eagles: Overcoming Educational Storms." Her insights on racial equity in education have appeared in the New York Times, Education Week, and on WKAR, NPR, CNN, and other media outlets. Dr. Carter Andrews's research and scholarship has also been published in several top-tier academic journals.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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10. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Gainsley: Excellent workshop and appreciated the time to have the conversation as a board. Very valuable and relevant to our visioning and long term planning work. How do we integrate this into those practices going forward. Thank you to everyone who arranged it, it was great.

President Hawkins: The YCHS honors program was excellent. It was great to honor so many of our wonderful students in the district. The Kiwanis presentation yesterday was outstanding.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you so much, Madam President. Yes, I had just the big overview as well about the senior award ceremony. I just wanted to thank all those in a Community because there were several that gave scholarships to Washtenaw Community College, scholarships from the Young family, scholarship from the Foundation. So, I just appreciate those who are partners with us. We talked about the fact today that people stepped up, but they haven't stopped coming. So, the ceremony was well done, even with the constraints of having it live streamed and in person. Those students just really cheered each other on and they were able to then go and have a lunch together. On Friday, the culinary department give the seniors a full breakfast buffet and then they had their activities, the walkout and then a barbecue. We are excited as we get ready for prom and commencement. Last night, as Dr. Hawkins shared, the Kiwanis Club did a wonderful job of honoring two of our students and students from other districts. Yet just knowing that their focus is young people and they invited us to just keep tapping into them and making sure that we connect. We thank them as well. I just wanted to also congratulate Principal Gildersleeve is now the regional representative and president for MASSP, a secondary school principals' association for the state, and it is wonderful to have somebody sitting on that board to represent us at the table. We know with this equity work we're talking about you have to be at the table, or at least have somebody that can represent at the table. Principal Ingraham is on the statewide McCall board. We know with technology, Principal Ingraham was the only African American on the slate and now she's on the board to represent across the state. I mean we're talking about the technology era and it is even more important now than ever looking at equity, looking at a future focus lens, to have somebody behind the scenes and to share what's happening in other states, but also in Michigan. We're proud of her. Principal Sheriff is now Dr. Cassandra Sheriff. We want to congratulate Principal Sheriff and her accomplishment of graduating from the DEL program at Michigan State University. And we know that there's other events coming up. We know this Thursday, there is the Community wide Open House at High Point that the board members are all invited to. We will continue to share out year-end activities in sports, year-end activities in the building. Please really look at those calendar dates to see if you're able to attend. You're certainly welcome. For us to go to Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center to hold the commencement is extremely exciting. For the students, to be able to not just see, to watch other people go on the stage but to feel what is like to walk on across the stage at a university. I'm just excited about what is to come and just know that those are happening. I put together a slide for the mask surveys. I encourage you to look at the individual comments. With the numbers at high, it just really still concerns me. The numbers are really not as conclusive as they have been before. For the percentage, for the staff and students, those who say "Make masks optional after June 13 and reevaluate for the 2022-23 school year" was 26.8%. Those who said "Masking until June 13 and then just make it optional after that" was 37.8%. Those who said "Let's leave them on and look at it again after summer schools" was 35.5%. As a team, do

we say yes, masks are optional because we have 64.6% requesting that? We know it is going to fluctuate. Even if we make masks optional there is still conditions such as if there is an "outbreak" which is 3 or more students in one classroom it will go to masks required. There are classrooms throughout our county that have classrooms with masks required. It changes every week which makes it a challenge because we have to know which classrooms require masks and when does it end. etc. When you look at the parents and Community survey. they talked about "Leaving them on for the summer and reevaluating for the 2022-23 school year" at 42.9%, "Making masks optional starting June 13 upon completion of the school year" was 29.4%, "Making masks optional and reevaluating for the 2022-23 school year" was 27.2%. When you look at all those numbers for masking becoming optional, there is a majority. For the staff and students, we had 64% want to go to masks optional with 349 surveys and for parents and community, we had 57.1% want to have masks optional with only 123 surveys. We had a lot more responses last time. I'm concerned about the low numbers of responses and the fact that numbers are so close. The county cases are high. We said we listened to the families. Do we send it out again since the status just went to high at the end of the week or do we just say, "Here are the numbers" and leave it be? There's not one right answer. I have taken it back to administration, we rresent the survey and still got very few responses. We have strong opinions on both ends. That's why it would be very helpful to look at the comments. The health department stated that they don't anticipate doing overall changes even with the numbers being high. They plan on staying at masks highly recommended but not required, except for if there's an outbreak. I was hoping to have some conclusions today and even when talking to the health department but they don't anticipate changing anything at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.