

SPECIAL MEETING (Wednesday, July 5, 2023)

Members present

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

Members absent

Gillian Gainsley, Meredith Schindler

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

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 AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda

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

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

No public comments.

5. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Application for Liquor License

It has been brought to the Ypsilanti Community Schools' Board of Education's attention that the Liquor Control Commission has determined that an application for a retail liquor license has been made by an applicant who is located within 500' of a Ypsilanti Community school. The board will discuss this request.

Click [here](#) to view the Licensing Letter.

Trustee Goodrich: What are the recommendations of the district?

Dr. Lopez: Not to approve the application.

Vice President Lee: There is a gas station on the other side of the school that sells hard liquor. There is a liquor store about a block and a half from the location that is asking to sell hard liquor. We don't need another store selling hard liquor in the area.

Trustee Fields: I agree. We don't need to add another store that sells hard liquor in the area.

Trustee Townsend: I agree with everyone. It is in excess.

Trustee Goodrich: We need to explain how it would have an adverse effect on the school.

Dr. Hawkins: I agree with everything. We also don't have enough things in the area to promote a healthy lifestyle. We need things to promote a healthy lifestyle, like a grocery store. Why add another place that sells hard liquor?

Trustee Goodrich: This license would just increase access to our students.

Dr. Hawkins: We promote healthy communities, and this doesn't align with our values.

6. ACTION ITEM: Business and Finance

Action: A. RESOLUTION, Liquor License Application

The Board of Education will vote on the resolution that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the resolution to object to the liquor license request made through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
No comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.