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, January 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Irvine at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Achieving College & Career Education (ACCE) students and Principal Jonathan Royce.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT
President Sharon Irvine, Secretary Maria Sheler-Edwards, Vice-President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Treasurer Meredith Schindler, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Sharon Lee

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT
Trustee Brenda Meadows *(illness)*

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION
ACCE Points of Pride included: 1) Improvement in Academics; 2) Partnership with Eastern Michigan University (EMU) as a Member of the Southeast Michigan Stewardship Coalition (SEMIS); 3) Virtual Academy Enrollees; 4) Community Partner Donations of Holiday Turkeys, and; 5) Student Perspectives of ACCE.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as Presented
Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee
Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PRESENTATIONS
School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Edmondson recognized the Board of Education, in honor of January is School Board Recognition Month. He shared a resolution (which received Board approved) honoring our Board, then presented the resolution to Irvine. He presented previous Board President Lee with an award recognizing her service as Board President.

Highlights of Achieving College and Career Education (ACCE): Jonathan Royce facilitated a presentation on program success. Presenters included ACCE staff Scot Morrison, Carol Gannon, Cornelius Shields, Bob Heskett & Renee Conley, students Jordan & La'Aja and parent Monda Andrews. Presentation included: 1) relationship building; 2) work toward a "trauma informed school"; 3) parent and community relationship building; 4) programs; 5) a parent's perspective, and; 6) credit recovery.

Making Youth Matter Mentoring Program: YCS Board member and EMU Social Work Assistant Professor Hawkins, along with EMU Social Work Assistant Professor Dr. Sarah Van Zoeren designed and implemented this program of enhancing the lives of all youth. A focus is preventive programming for at-risk youth, addressing the urgent social justice issue of interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

This is a partnership between YCS and EMU's School of Social Work. Van Zoeren facilitated the presentation by EMU MSW student interns. Aaron Rose, Holmes Principal was asked to speak of the impact of his experience with the program. Rose's comments included social skills/social behaviors and academic support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Maggie Gibbons commented on special education and a FOIA request.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the following: 1) January 8, 2018 Organizational meeting minutes, and; 2) the personnel matters as per the attached list dated January 17, 2018: New Hires and Resignations.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler
Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

Field Trip, *Estabrook 8th Grade*

MOTION TO approve the out-of-state field trip of the Estabrook 8th Grade class to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio in June 2018.

Motion by Hawkins, supported by Sheler-Edwards
Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

Grant Approval, *Ypsilanti Community High School*

MOTION TO approve the 2017/18 Michigan Youth Arts grant award, with a base grant amount of $1,045.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler
Roll Call Vote: 6/0 Yes
Yes: Lee, Champagne, Hawkins, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Irvine

Donation: ACCE, *Anonymous Donor*

MOTION TO accept a $10,000 cash donation by an anonymous donor to the Achieving College and Career Education program.

Motion by Sheler-Edwards, supported by Hawkins
Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

Sex Education Advisory Board Co-Chair

MOTION TO approve the appointment of Denise Bailey to serve as Sex Education Advisory Board Co-Chair.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee
Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: *None*

OTHER

- Edmondson spoke on the Balanced Calendar.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- Edmondson commented on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day activities. He was a guest speaker at the Ministerial Alliance event, acknowledging Board members and staff attending. He encouraged parents/students to attend future events. Conversation recently with Hawkins on the resolution that was approved by the Board, and what it means (House Bill 4293/Requiring Public Schools to Teach African American History).
- Irvine attended the MLK Day Ministerial Alliance event; she spoke of the message delivered during the event. The EMU MLK celebration was also attended by Board members.

- Edmondson shared there is something new at basketball games and the school store at Ypsilanti Community High School. An invite extended, with a request for visitors to share reactions.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Sheler-Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools

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