

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, May 9, 2022)

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Members present

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

Members joining at 6:55 p.m.

Yvonne Fields

Meeting called to order at 6:37 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 AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda

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

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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

The YCS Board of Education will read Ford Early Learning Center's points of pride.

[Click here to view the points of pride.](#)

Action: B. Adoption of the Resolution for Student Appreciation 2022

Seeking the Board of Education's approval to approve the Student Appreciation Week Resolution, as presented.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the Resolution of Student Appreciation Week for the week of April 25 to May 1, 2022.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

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

Action: C. Adoption of the Resolution for Staff Appreciation 2022

School Principal Day: May 1, 2022

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: May 2 - 6, 2022

School Lunch Hero Day: May 6, 2022

School Nurse Day: May 11, 2022

School Principal Day is May 1, 2022. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is the first full week in May of each year. School Lunch Hero Day is May 6, 2022. School Nurse Day is May 11, 2022. It is a time to honor principals/teachers/staff/school lunch heroes/school nurses, recognizing the contributions they make.

The success of our children and community is significantly influenced by exemplary Ypsilanti Community Schools staff who dedicate their talents of heart and mind to help ensure that our public schools and our young people excel, including during this unprecedented time of COVID-19. The knowledge, support, and skills YCS staff provide children will positively impact generations for years to come.

YCS principals/teachers/staff/school lunch heroes/school nurses are extraordinary. They inspire children daily. We express our sincere gratitude for those who enthusiastically dedicate themselves to our schools and children. We encourage the community to join in honoring principals/teachers/staff/school lunch heroes/school nurses for their impact on our children and our learning community.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the Resolution of Recognition proclaiming May 1, 2022 to be School Principal Day, May 2-6, 2022 to be Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, May 6, 2022 to be School Lunch Hero Day, and May 11, 2022 to be School Nurse Day.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Three Year Budget Projection Presentation - Priya Nayak

YCS Director of Business Services and Finance, Priya Nayak, will share the Budget Projection for the YCS from FY2022 through FY2025.

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

Presentation: B. FTE Staffing Projection and Talent Management Report - Sue McCarty

YCS Human Resources Director, Sue McCarty, will give a report on staffing projections.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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*Remarks shall be made in a respectful and professional manner.

No public comments.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) April 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) April 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting Minutes 3) April 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting Minutes 4) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 5/2/22; New Hires and Resignations.

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

1) April 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2) April 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting Minutes

3) April 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting Minutes

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

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

8. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action, Procedural: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: Erickson Elementary 5th Grader to Greenfield Village

This proposal comes from Kelly Mickels, Erickson Principal. Students will identify and provide examples of innovative inventions in Greenfield Village.

[Click here](#) to view the field trip request.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the field trip of approximately 45 Erickson Elementary 5th graders to Greenfield Village on May 27, 2022.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, 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

Action: B. Approval of Apex Learning Quote - Carlos Lopez

Seeking Board approval of the presented Apex Learning Quote. This purchase is for both Ypsilanti Community High School and our ACCE program. By purchasing it for a 3 year term we are saving the district \$4,000 a year for a total saving of \$12,000.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Apex Learning Quote for Apex Learning Courses for 3 years in the amount of \$108,000 or \$36,000 per year.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, 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

9. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Audio Expansion Project - Solomon Zheng

The audio project shifts our audio equipment from individual standalone units to one single cohesive sound system that is networked and unified together. This allows for building and district wide control of the entire system. In order to connect these units new cabling must be run for the buildings. Instead of just power and audio cables, each classroom and hallway speaker needs new network cabling in order to communicate with the local building server and the district wide server.

The original proposal from Sequoia Technologies only covered a single network connection to the room. We had to work with the original vendor to update their quote to bring in a second connection per classroom per building to accommodate all of the system's needs.

Total Cost to the District: \$149,606.55

Vendor: VSC

Funding Source: ESSER II and III

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

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the VSC Proposal for the audio expansion project in the amount of \$149,606.55.

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

Action: B. District Audio Upgrade - Cabling for Willow Run Middle School - Solomon Zheng

In order to provide wireless Internet coverage for Willow Run Middle School there is a need for additional access point units.

Normally, these types of units are purchased with E-Rate funds but the 2022-2023 E-Rate proposal was completed before these needs surfaced. This request is not as substantial but will provide sufficient coverage for the Grizzly Learning Center and 2022-2023 school year. Additional funding through E-Rate will need to be used to provide extensive coverage throughout the building.

Total Cost to the District: \$31,453

Vendor: Sentinel Technologies

Funding Source: ESSER II and III

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the proposal from Sentinel Technologies to add access point units at the Willow Run Middle School in the amount of \$31,453.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: C. Washtenaw ISD Budget Resolution/Support for Budget, 2022/23

The WISD is requesting that the YCS board of education adopt their budget resolution in support of their proposed general fund budget.

The WISD presented information on the WISD Programs and Budgets Review including Local School District Services 2022/23 at a recent Washtenaw Association of School Boards Board of Directors Budget Review meeting.

[Click here to view the general education budget.](#)

[Click here to view the special education budget.](#)

[Click here to view the proposed programs and budget powerpoint.](#)

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the WISD Budget Resolution.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. ACTION ITEM: Other

Action: A. Adoption of Resolution Opposing "Let MI Kids Learn" Voucher Initiatives

A resolution that opposes the "Let MI Kids Learn" and "Student Opportunity Scholarship" statutory initiatives being solicited by the organization called "Let MI Kids Learn" and urges community members to decline to sign the petitions for the initiatives.

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

....MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Opposing "Let MI Kids Learn" Voucher Initiatives, as presented.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. Approval of the 2022-23 YCS Course Catalog

The Ypsilanti Community Schools K-12 Course Catalog is a comprehensive listing of all courses that will be offered at YCS. Courses listed in the Course Catalog may not be offered every semester.

[Click here to view catalog.](#)

....MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the YCS K-12 Course Catalog.

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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Latita Sharp: Candidate for county commissioner for District 5, introducing self to board

Charlotte Tillerson: a representative from YCEA, wanted to discuss the budget and the Covid relief money for the staff

12. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

Trustee Goodrich: Trustee Townsend, Dr. Zachery-Ross, and I attended the April 21st WISD Annual budget review. I really appreciate the board passing the resolution in support of the budget.

Trustee Schindler: The SEAB met.

Trustee Gainsley: The YCSF board met in April and discussed scholarships.

13. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Vice President Lee: A concern about the voting in schools while the schools were in session.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: The in-person turnout was very low. The access to the building is separate for the people voting and the students. We have no school in November during the voting because there is a larger turnout. We won school safety grant to keep students safe in classroom for \$250,000. We were one on nine to receive the largest grant. It will be used to improve our PA Systems throughout the schools and for trauma supplies. We won the Tech and Learning award for what is happening in the schools for social, emotional wellness for students, staff, families, community. Lauren Fardig-Diop won the La Fontaine Teacher of the Year award for the whole Washtenaw County. She is getting a free two-year lease on the car of her choice. Thank you to all the board members who showed up to support her and the district.

Trustee Gainsley: Support giving all staff the \$2000.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: We did all our negotiations in good faith, putting an extra \$2000 in the contract for the next three years. We need to keep our budget in line, people are watching. Buses are costing more. We hope that the staff can see the actual results of increasing pay, etc. There is Covid pay now. The SEEK grant is only for instructional staff and administrators. This Covid pay will make a big difference in our support staff in particular. We felt it was important to give it to all staff not just instructional and administrators. They have worked their tails off.

Trustee Townsend: We started at \$1750. The amount that we are giving is \$2000.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: The \$2000 is going to every person employed by the district.

Dr. Hawkins: It is the will of the board that the \$2000 is acceptable and we will let the administration take it from here.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: We wanted to make sure we brought this to the board. The rational to have one payment in May and one in June was to make sure the staff took home as much as possible.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you for all the support at ACCE this morning to recognize Lauren Fardig-Diop for her accomplishment of the La Fontaine Teacher of the Year. Lifting up the Seniors Honors program. We are hoping to do more of these events with the public in attendance. The support through the YCS Foundation, through Kiwanis will be recognizing some of our students on May 16th. We have WIHI graduation on May 26th. We will be back at the EMU Convocation Center on June 8th for YCHS/ACCE graduation where the public can join us in that large venue. The mask survey ended today and I will be bringing the recommendations to the board on May 17th. We had five Washtenaw students names "Young Citizen of the Year" and we are very proud of that. We had two students from WIHI, Harshede Arnon and Kaden Hawkins. We are proud of all of our young people.

Dr. Hawkins: May 17th we don't have a regular board meeting that week. We will have a board workshop on that Tuesday with Dr. Dorinda Carter-Andrews. Congratulations all around and we appreciate all the hard work.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.