

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, July 10, 2023)

Members present

Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee (joined the meeting at 6:52 p.m.), Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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 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

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Recognition of 2022/23 Retirees of Ypsilanti Community Schools: Sue McCarty, Human Resources Director

Recognition of 2022/23 Retirees of Ypsilanti Community Schools. We appreciate your dedication, commitment, and service to the students of Ypsilanti Community Schools.

Congratulations to:

Robie Cannon: Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Ypsilanti Community High School

Karen Dornbos: Paraprofessional, Estabrook Elementary School

Fred Hall: Custodial Supervisor, District

Lerry Hankins: Skilled Trades Carpenter, District

Amina Hassan: Associate Teacher, Ford Early Learning Center

Ruqayah Idrissu: Paraprofessional, Estabrook Elementary School

Mae Ella Robinson: Food Service, Holmes Elementary School

Theresa Roza: Student Support Staff Administrative Secretary, District

Kim Searcy: Transportation Director, District

Mary Slawski: Student Support Staff Instructional Coach, District

Paula Sizemore: Science Teacher, Ypsilanti Community High School

Debra Stevens: Special Education ECSE Teacher, Perry Early Learning Center

Forever a Grizzly!

Paula Sizemore was recognized.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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Rev. Jackson: Flag concerns

Karen Gregory: Her daughter and summer school, doesn't feel supported

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) June 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) June 12, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes 3) July 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes 4) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 7/3/23; New Hires, Resignations, Retirements, and Terminations.

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

1) June 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

- 2) June 12, 2023, Special Board Meeting [Minutes](#)
- 3) July 5, 2023 Special Board Meeting [Minutes](#)
- 4) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 7/3/23; New Hires, Resignations, Retirements, and Terminations.

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

7. ACTION ITEM: Student Services

Action: A. Approval of the 2023-24 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 the 2023-24 YCS K-12 Course Catalog.

Click [here](#) to view the YCHS CTE Pathways Proposal 2023-24.

Trustee Townsend: Foreign languages at High School, ACCE has French, why not at the High School? Can ACCE students take honors classes? Has the cosmetology course been accredited, and will there be a cost left over?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: We have to have people who can teach the courses. We can't offer honors courses at ACCE. The cost for the cosmetology program is covered by the district.

Trustee Goodrich: Excited to see the new classes. Any other major updates you would like to bring our attention to?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: The pathways, that everyone will leave with a stackable credential or a certification.

Trustee Gainsley: How much flexibility is there in the pathways?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Take some introduction classes to explore the courses. You don't get locked in. Once in the junior year, locked in. Want them to try things earlier.

Dr. Hawkins: First couple years of college are exploratory, same model?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Yes.

Vice President Lee: Can we have aviation classes? Partner with MIAT?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: We haven't gotten there yet.

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

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, 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. ACTION ITEMS: Human Resources

Action: A. Potential New Hire: Approval of Director of Transportation Contract

The presented Director of Transportation Contract is provided for Board review. It is recommended that the Board approve the employment contract of Annette Adams for Director of Transportation.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Director of Transportation contract of Annette Adams with the commencement date of June 28, 2023.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, 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 Reid-Willis Company Contract, 2023/24

The presented contract is up for Board review. It is recommended the Reid-Willis Company contract be approved. The contract is attached below; for Board view only.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Reid-Willis Company contract as presented.

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

9. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. RESOLUTION, State Aid Anticipation Note

A significant percentage of Michigan public school districts borrow funds for general operating purposes each year. This is necessary because the timing of the state aid does not match the timing of the school districts' cash outflow. Several years ago, the State stretched out the timing of its state aid payments from nine months to eleven months, slowing down school districts' revenue stream, and increasing their need to borrow funds.

It is recommended the Board approve the enclosed Thrun Law resolution, Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid (August 2023 Borrowing Through the Michigan Finance Authority), authorizing the issuance of up to \$5,000,000 of state aid anticipation notes through the Michigan Finance Authority's state aid anticipation program.

Note issuance and interest costs estimate: \$52,000 - \$75,000

Click [here](#) to view the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid.

Trustee Gainsley: There is a significant time between when you get your aid and when it comes, so we have to borrow money, but if we were in a better situation and not in debt, we wouldn't have to borrow this money.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid (August 2023 Borrowing Through the Michigan Finance Authority), authorizing the issuance of up to \$5,000,000 of state aid anticipation notes

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Motion by Maria Goodrich, 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. Donations: For YCS Events

Resolution: MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts donations from 1.) Chartwells for \$5000 2.) Kustom for \$2500 3.) Precision Climate for \$2500 4.) The Ride for \$1000 for YCS Events.

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Motion by M. 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: C. Head Start 2023-24 Grant Award

The attached 2023/24 Head Start grant award includes a detailed budget and a program description. The award amount is \$2,020,316. Click [here](#) to view the YCS Head Start Budget Approval.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Head Start grant award for the period of July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024, with a base grant amount of \$2,020,316.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, 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

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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No comments

11. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

No comments

12. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Discussion: A. Board/Superintendent Comments

Trustee Gainsley: I think I remember the recognition of the retirees being earlier in the year.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: We were getting names of people retiring really late.

Trustee Gainsley: Bell times?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Going to discuss that in my superintendent comments.

Dr. Hawkins: Retreat is coming up on July 26 and 27, looking forward to all the discussions. The jazz events in the community have been wonderful.

Trustee Townsend: Jazz in the Parking Lot - July 22

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Grizzly Learning Camp session 2 started today. Discussion on transportation. Click [here](#) to view the Transportation Discussion PowerPoint.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.