

**REGULAR MEETING Agenda | Electronic Meeting VIA Zoom; see "IMPORTANT MESSAGE(S) REGARDING THIS MEETING" (Monday, June 7, 2021)**

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**Members present**

Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

**Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER &amp; ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Board President

Action: A. Roll Call of Board of Education Members

2. IMPORTANT MESSAGE(S) REGARDING THIS ELECTRONIC MEETING

Information: A. Electronic Meeting (via Zoom) In Accordance with DHHS Emergency Order and PA 254 of 2020; COVID-19

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE: This meeting of the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education will proceed electronically in accordance with DHHS Emergency Order and PA 254 of 2020.**If participants do not have technology access, please contact our Director of Technology Nik Jackson for accommodation: [techdirector@ycschools.us](mailto:techdirector@ycschools.us).**Public viewers please use the following link to watch the live stream: <https://www.facebook.com/ypsilanticommunityschools>****-or join directly on Zoom-**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83401100127>

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Information: B. Electronic Meeting Guidelines

**ELECTRONIC MEETING GUIDELINES: Because electronic meetings are new to the Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education, it is appropriate to outline those procedures which may vary from typical meeting procedures.**

#1: Board members will be asked to state their name when making motions and seconds for the benefit of the audience.

#2: All votes are urged to be taken by roll call for clarity.

#3: The Chair will strive to recognize Board members by name before they speak. In the event this does not happen, trustees are encouraged to announce their own name or may be reminded to do so.

#4: Audience members will be muted until recognized by the Chair during public comment(s).

#5: People who speak during public comment time will be asked to state their name and topic before speaking.

#6: If there is a closed session in a meeting, it will take place in a separate Zoom session. The regular meeting will remain open until the Board returns from closed session.

#7: Board members must avoid using email, texting, instant messaging and other electronic forms to communicate with each other or with members of the public during the meeting.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Board President

4. 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 Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

5. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS &amp; RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Recognition of 2020/21 Retirees of Ypsilanti Community Schools: Sue McCarty, Human Resources Director

Recognition of 2020/21 Retirees of Ypsilanti Community Schools. We appreciate your dedication, commitment and service to the students of Ypsilanti Community Schools.

Congratulations to:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/mi/ycs/Board.nsf/Private?open&login>

**Bunny Arbaugh:** Associate Teacher, Perry Early Learning Center  
**Nancy Christensen:** Title 1 Teacher, Estabrook Elementary School  
**Carol Gannon:** Secretary, ACCE Alternative High School  
**Cynthia Kindall:** ParaEducator, Ford Early Learning Center  
**Michele Ohs:** Special Education, Erickson Elementary School  
**Sheila Raymond:** Food Service Staff  
**Ann Robinson:** Support Staff, Ypsilanti Community Schools District  
**Susan Smith:** Food Service Staff  
**Sharon Standish:** ParaEducator, Ford Early Learning Center  
**Julie Wylie:** Custodian, Erickson Elementary School

Forever a Grizzly!

## 6. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Preliminary Budget Recommendation: Priya Nayak, Director of Business/Finance  
 Director of Business & Finance Priya Nayak will give a presentation on a preliminary budget/finance recommendation.  
 Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 GF - Initial Budget Recommendation  
 Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 Food Service Initial Budget Recommendation  
 Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 Initial Budget Recommendation - GASB 84  
 Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 Willow Run Debt Fund Recommendation  
 Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 Ypsilanti Public Debt Fund Recommendation  
 Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 Initial Budget Adoption

Presentation: B. Building Tours - Taryn Willis

Ypsilanti Community Schools has launched 360-degree virtual tours of all the school buildings in the district. The virtual tours create an opportunity for families to tour their child's buildings and get a true sense of the culture of each building. The tours have various points of interest for families to learn more about the programs offered.

A special design was created to have all the buildings on one document and a YCS QR code for enrollment.

Click [here](#) for the Boots on the Ground QR Codes for Virtual Tours

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: Electronic Participation

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

### Public Comment Protocol

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No public comments.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Seeking Board approval of the presented meeting minutes and personnel matters; see attachments below.

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) May 24, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 6/3/21; New Hires and Resignations

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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

## 9. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action: A. RESOLUTION: MHSAA Membership, 2021/22: Alena Zachery-Ross, Superintendent

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this annual resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). This authorization shall be effective August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

Each school district which wishes one or more schools to participate in MHSAA tournaments and benefit from MHSAA services must schedule on its Board of Education agenda the adoption of the Membership Resolution. The Resolution should be signed in sufficient time to prevent a lapse in membership (before August 1st). A lapse in membership, even though only for a week, can create unnecessary problems should there be claims under the \$1,000,000 accident medical insurance plan or the concussion care gap insurance or if eligibility rulings are to be made during that period.  
Click [here](#) for the resolution.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association, effective August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

#### 10. ACTION ITEM: Business and Finance

Action, Recognition: A. Approval of SEAB Materials

Purchase of one Anatomy Charts Package from Planned Parenthood of Michigan for our YCHS Sex Education Curriculum for the amount of \$200.

Click [here](#) for the Planned Parenthood Invoice

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the purchase of one Anatomy Charts Package from Planned Parenthood of Michigan for our YCHS Sex Education Curriculum for the amount of \$200 and approve the Amaze videos as presented by the SEAB at the May 24th meeting.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

Action: B. Millage Rates | L-4029s: Priya Nayak, Director of Business/Finance

Ypsilanti Community Schools is strictly a summer tax collection. Each year, the Debt millage must be calculated and approved by the District's Board of Education to accommodate the November and May Debt payment for the former districts of Willow Run Community Schools and Ypsilanti Public Schools. After approval of the Debt Millage, the L-4029s / 2021 Tax Rate Requests are sent to the townships of Superior and Ypsilanti as well as City of Ypsilanti in preparation of tax bills sent to taxpayers.

Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 L-4029 - Ypsi - Revised

Click [here](#) for the 2021-2022 L-4029 - Willow Run - Revised

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the millage rates of the 2021 Tax Rate Request / L-4029s, as presented, for Superior Township, Ypsilanti Township and the City of Ypsilanti.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

Action: C. FSMC Fixed Price Contract Renewal: Priya Nayak, Director of Business/Finance

Each year of this contract renewal, the food service management company (FSMC) submits their proposed increase to the District. The District must then send the proposal to the state for an approval.

The Michigan Department of Education has approved the 2021/22 meal and meal equivalent rates listed in the enclosed Contract Renewal Agreement - FSMC Fixed Price Contract. Now, the last step is Board approval of the contract increase from last year.

Click [here](#) for the Ypsilanti - Contract Renewal Agreement

Click [here](#) for the (81020) Ypsilanti Community Schools

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the Contract Renewal Agreement - FSMC Fixed Price Contract for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

#### 11. ACTION ITEM: Human Resources

Action: A. Superintendent Vacation Request

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the extension for Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross' vacation from year 2020-2021 to year 2021-2022.

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

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No public comments

### 13. OTHER

#### 14. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

**Trustee Schindler:** I just wanted to say how beautiful graduation was and how much I enjoyed being a part of it, and how proud I am of all of our graduates, and how grateful I am to all of our teachers, staff and administration for shepherding students through this difficult year.

**Trustee Fields:** I just want to say that as my first go around for graduation, it was beautiful. It was the best thing. I have to tell you that my son graduated from Ypsi High a couple years ago, like in 2005, and he was like, "Oh my God, ma, they should have did this when we went here." I just wanted to tell you how impressed he was with the service and everything. He said that was the way to go. He said that was so nice for him to come back and see it done that way so I just wanted to let you guys know how beautiful it was.

**Trustee Gainsley:** I just wanted to echo those comments. It was such a lovely ceremony and a really well-organized event. Kudos to all of the staff who put it on. And I think my biggest moment was when the teachers were parading down in their robes and hearing the parents yelling "Go teachers, you did this" and "Thank you." That was a really cool moment for I think everybody so just appreciation everyone who put it together and congrats to all our graduates.

**Trustee Goodrich:** I just want to echo everything that everyone just said. It was so awesome to be able to celebrate all of our graduates from ACCE, AC TECH, STEM Middle College, ECA, W.A.V.E., C.N.A. Program. Beautiful ceremony and it was so fantastic to get to take part in it. I also wanted to really briefly report back from the WISD binary election that took place immediately before our meeting tonight, and just let you all know that I cast your vote on behalf of Dr. Theresa Sanders and she was elected to her next term on the WISD board.

**Dr. Hawkins:** I echo everything the board has said and I would just add to that, what made it feel incredibly special to this year's graduation is that we've been away from each other for an entire year. And so to be able to gather in a safe way and to celebrate our graduates, to celebrate with families, to celebrate with our teachers and our staff. It was really, really a special event so kudos, kudos to everyone who had a hand in making sure this graduation ceremony was well planned, was well designed. I don't know who worked it out with the weather but they worked out the weather as well so that was a big plus. It was just a beautiful ceremony. Thank you to everyone, and a huge congrats to all of our graduates and all of their families.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** I too want to echo those sentiments. It was a beautiful day, perfect day, and so we want to congratulate class of 2021 and all of the staff and faculty who are involved in not only the graduation but ensuring that those students got across the line because I know it was a joint effort between the staff, the families, the community, and most of all our 2021 graduates, congratulations. I want to just do a few announcements from this week's update that the community gets. It was large yet I don't want people to miss out. First of all we have over 1000 students who are now registered for the grizzly learning camp, and that is super-duper exciting. And so we just want to continue to ask people to register, if you plan on coming because we have to plan. Transportation is going to be up online are ready. We're ready for those routes but the more we don't have the correct number of students it's harder to get everyone there on time. We have food, we have the right numbers for food. We have to turn in the numbers to the state at the end of this week, and they don't just wait for us to come. Then they'll look at next month. We want to get it in early so that the funds can be set aside. Next, we know that Taryn has set out about the Puffer Reds and Adidas art contest for students, please please please register for that. Make sure that you're turning in your picture and create those things. Puffer Red has done a great job being partners with Adidas and giving out up to \$4500 in scholarships. In addition, Boots on the Ground is happening already this week June 9<sup>th</sup>, Sycamore Meadows in a YHC neighborhood. Also, as you heard, they're going to be out on Saturday so please join them at Fireman's Park for that concert and working with the Ann Arbor Summer Festival, and the district library, along with my Brother's Keeper, there's going to be barbecue and everything. This is the last week of school. It's been a year yet. Congratulations students and families. You made it. You're almost there, some half days this week, push it out. Press it out. And don't forget, we sent out a survey about enrollment for next year, please complete the survey for each one of your children who are coming, who plan to come get the word out. Tell others to click on and look at that survey. It's really exciting. And then the last thing that was on there was about the YCS is running club is starting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We want you to be healthy. Come out at 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., there's information about how to register for that. And then last but not least, because we started off with retirement let's finish talking about, bring them on in teachers, educators, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, grounds whatever your role is. Don't you want to be a part of this family? I know you do. We want you to be a part as well. There is a career fair Tuesday, June 15, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., and we want you to come out. It's important you register. These have been amazing. We've already gotten the staff for our dual language immersion program. We are already bringing in amazing staff to work with our outstanding students. Yet, there are some of you out there with talents and wondering, "Might I apply?" "Should I?" Yes, if you've been wondering, take it as a personal invitation. I'm inviting you to join the grizzly family, you will not be

disappointed. We're partnering with Park Ridge now to give a scholarship. We're going to support them and being partners with us and support the Park Ridge Learning Center and the parents of YCS students who want to attend, they're going to be able to attend at a very low rate, I think they just going to pay for the T shirt now. We're definitely listening to our stakeholders, listening to the board and making adjustments as we go along.

**Ms. Willis:** The WMBK movie night is Thursday, June 17. There is an Event Bright link for you to sign up and get tickets but they will be featuring the documentary Formula 734. We are the second one to have it and we're super excited about this partnership.

#### 15. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. Closed Session- Pursuant to Sections 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

Moved into closed session at 7:43 p.m.

#### 16. REQUEST TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Action: A. Approval to return to Open Session

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education return to Open Session

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich

Moved into open session at 8:24 p.m.

#### 17. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.