

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, June 12, 2023)

Members present

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

Members absent

M. Jeanice Townsend, Sharon Lee

Meeting called to order at 6:44 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 AMENDED AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Amended Agenda

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

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. District-wide Points of Pride for 2022-23

The YCS Board of Education is excited to share wonderful things that are happening throughout the district. Today we will be celebrating district victories.

Read by the Executive Cabinet

Click [here](#) to view the District Points of Pride

5. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Pretty Brown Girls Presentation

Pretty Brown Girl (PBG) and Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS) partnered for the first time this school year! Locations that participated in PBG this school year included Holmes Elementary School, Estabrook Elementary School, and Ypsilanti Community Middle School. PBG provides Black and Brown girls across Elementary, Middle, and High School levels access to a culturally responsive, personalized learning environment that offers a variety of experiences, instructional approaches, and academic support strategies. Pretty Brown Girl's curriculum focuses on a learner-centered approach infused with Common Core Standards, Bloom's Taxonomy, and CASEL's SEL Framework consisting of Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making. The program is proven to increase a positive attitude toward self and others by cultivating values including self-love, academic achievement, character building, community advocacy, and leadership.

Alyssia Hence, Delaura Red, Ms. Benita, Ms. Latiya, Ericka Zyeeah, and Ariana Taylor presented.

Presentation: B. The 180 Program Presentation

The 180° Program was founded nearly 20 years ago. It has provided services in 26 states and 35 school districts. It is an innovative evidence-based behavior modification program and comprehensive development system. It is designed to provide schools with proven strategies to correct student misbehaviors, challenge classroom disengagement and support education professionals in developing the academic environment necessary to accelerate student overall growth. Its founder, Dr. Raphael B. Johnson will present a snapshot of the program services rendered at Ypsilanti Middle School along with the recent data results of staff evaluations.

Dr. Johnson and Mr. Olds presented.

Trustee Fields: Why are some of the services not offered at YCS?

Dr. Johnson: The services we provide are the ones that the district has asked for.

Dr. Hawkins: Do you have social workers on your team?

Dr. Johnson: Yes, two licensed clinicians.

Dr. Hawkins: What does a typical day look like for your program?

Mr. Olds: The 180 Program allows the administration to get into the classroom to support the teachers and students. It allows us to proactive and preventive. They have made an immediate impact. We are planning on giving a caseload of Tier 2 and 3 students to help them to move to lower tiers.

Click here to [view](#) the 180 Presentation.

Click here to [view](#) the sample of the Ypsilanti staff evaluations.

Click here to [view](#) the 180 Program board presentation notes.

Presentation: C. Sec. 98b Goal Progress Report

The state requires districts to provide updates regarding our academic progress. The district administration will provide a brief overview.

Dr. Lopez presented.

Trustee Goodrich: Are these percentiles based on the new recalibrated targets?

Dr. Lopez: If you will write out all your questions, I will have all-encompassing answers ready for you at the board retreat.

Trustee Gainsley: Love to look at some of the elementary transitional data at the retreat and the fifth and sixth grade data.

Dr. Lopez: We have it and you will be able to access it.

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

Click here to [view](#) the progress report.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment Protocol | Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 0167.3

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Debra Stevens: farewell, we are testing students too much, we have to start retaining staff, the administration and board of education need to get into the buildings

Keri Middaugh: Crystal Harding

Keri Newton: Get MI Kids Back on Track plan

Allie Suffety: adopting a resolution in support of gun safety and safe gun storage, Be Smart

Joy Girma: gun violence survivor, Be Smart

Carissa Hanekamp: Crystal Harding

Emily Swan: H.S. Choir and Crystal Harding

Crystal Forbes: bussing

7. 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) June 6, 2023, Special Board Study Session Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 6/9/23; New Hires, Resignations, Retirements and Terminations.

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

1) June 6, 2023, Special Board Study Session Minutes

2) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 6/9/23; Resignations and Retirements.

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

8. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action: A. Approval for Annual Instructional Material

Seeking Board approval of the continued implementation for the programs associated with the invoices; see attachments below.

1.) The 180 Program Quote. This purchase is for the Ypsilanti Community Middle School. Funded by the Mental Health Grant for a purchase amount of \$244,790.

2.) National Geographic Learning Quote. This purchase is for Ypsilanti Community High School. Funded by Title IV for a purchase amount of \$39,419.60.

3.) HMH Anywhere PLUS K-8 3-Year Renewal Quote. This purchase is for Ypsi Connected Community K-8 School. Funded by General Fund for a purchase amount of \$65,250.

4.) Newsela Quote. This purchase is for 2nd - 12th grade district wide. Funded by General Fund for a purchase amount of \$39,740.80.

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

1.) [The 180 Program Quote](#), for a purchase amount of \$244,790.

2.) [National Geographic Learning Quote](#), #6407286, for a purchase amount of \$39,419.60.

3.) [HMH Anywhere PLUS K-8 3-Year Renewal Quote](#), #008695563, for a purchase amount of \$65,250.

4.) [Newsela Quote](#), for a purchase amount of \$39,740.80.

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

9. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium (WEOC) Agreement

The board of education will vote on whether to approve the Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium agreement.

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

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Amended and Restated Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium Agreement.

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

Action: B. Acceptance of a Donation: Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Alpha Psi would like to donate \$2648 for Kindergarten playground improvements at Ford Early Learning Center. Thank you, Kappa Alpha Psi, from all the students that you are impacting with this donation!

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from Kappa Alpha Psi for \$2,648.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: C. RESOLUTION, 2023/24 Initial Budget: Damien Butler, Director of Business/Finance

Michigan's Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act requires the adoption of the budget before the new fiscal year begins. The proposed 2023/24 budget is built based on a number of assumptions. After the annual financial audit is completed, and after the Fall 2023 student enrollment data is available, a budget revision will be prepared to reflect the most current financial information and projections.

The budget impact is as detailed in the attached General Appropriations Resolution for fiscal year 2023/24.

Click [here](#) to view the 2023-24 Budget Resolution.

Click [here](#) to view the Ypsilanti debt 2023-24.

Click [here](#) to view the Willow Run debt 2023-24.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the attached 2024/24 General Appropriations Resolution.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: D. RESOLUTION, SBLF: Damien Butler, Director of Business/Finance

School districts that participate in the State's school bond loan fund are required to annually determine if they are levying sufficient debt millage to repay the school bond loan program by their final mandatory repayment date. Submission of the enclosed resolution for the former Willow Run Community Schools is required by the Michigan Department of Treasury. August 1, 2023 is the deadline to return approved documents. The annual loan worksheet is also attached.

Click [here](#) to view the 2023 L4029 YCS - Willow Run Tax Rate Request.

Click [here](#) to view the 2023 L4029 YCS - Ypsilanti Tax Rate Request.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the presented resolution to authorize the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application for the former Willow Run Community Schools.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. ACTION ITEM: Other

Action: A. 2023/24 Renewal of Membership with the Michigan Association of School Boards

The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) supports, promotes, and enhances the important service and leadership of Michigan public boards of education. The annual renewal of this membership for 2023/24 begins on July 1st.

Membership Cost: \$7,208.77

Click [here](#) to view the MASB 2023-2024 Membership Renewal Invoice.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the 2023/24 renewal of membership with the Michigan Association of School Boards, at a cost of \$7,208.77.

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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12. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

Trustee Gainsley: 2 subcommittee meetings of the Finance and Operational Planning Subcommittee, one on transportation and the other one on the budget

Discussion: B. Discussion of YCS Support Letters

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Other districts in the WISD as well as the WISD have written letters of support to the legislature to get rid of the YCS debt.

Trustee Gainsley: A critical issue, YCS in a unique position as one of the few districts that has consolidated, love to see all the letters
Dr. Hawkins: Thank you to all the districts who have supported us. This conversation has been talking about this for a long time. This is an equity issue.

13. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Schindler: Great speech. Hats off to the superintendent and board, staff, facility, everyone. I know you will look into the resolution that was discussed because I am super in favor of preventing gun violence.

Dr. Hawkins: Thank you to all the educators, staff, and administrators for a successful school year. Looking forward to the board retreat. Take advantage of all the Juneteenth festivities.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Last day of school. Congrats to scholars, we are proud of you! Grizzly Learning Camp starts on June 19th. We need all our staff. Thank you to the families and community. Back to the School Bash is planned as well as Jazz in the Parking Lot.

14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.