

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, November 6, 2023)

Members present

Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Member absent

Dr. Celeste Hawkins

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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 Maria Goodrich, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Holmes Elementary School Points of Pride

The YCS Board of Education is excited to share wonderful things that are happening in our schools by reading our school's points of pride. Today's school is Holmes Elementary School.

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

Recognition: B. National STEM and STEAM Day - November 8

STEM/STEAM Day falls on November 8. There's no way around it: children are significantly better off with strong science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics skills. That's why STEM and STEAM education programs are so important. It's undebatable that these subjects push society forward, and these programs help to find fun and engaging ways to teach them to students, which is all worth commemorating. So, on November 8, we celebrate STEAM/STEAM Day!

Recognition: C. Education Support Professionals Day - November 15

Annually observed on the Wednesday during American Education Week, National Education Support Professionals Day honors the contributions of school support employees. These support professionals provide invaluable services and are essential partners in a child's education.

Recognition: D. National Parent Involvement Day - November 16

National Parental Involvement Day is November 16. The day provides a yearly opportunity for schools and families to honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success.

Recognition: E. Substitute Educators Day - November 17

The United States observes a Substitute Educator's Day, which was instituted by the National Education Association (NEA). The purpose of this day is to highlight the role and importance of the substitute teacher by providing information about, advocating for, and helping to increase appreciation and respect for this unique professional. This day also focuses on the needs of substitutes, which include better wages and health benefits and continual professional development. Substitute Educator's Day is observed by some on the 3rd Friday of November during American Education Week.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Media Center and LEAP Grant Presentation

Jerilyn Lynn and the Media Specialists will provide an overview of the LEAP Grant activities for the 2022-23 year, along with the Media Centers' highlights.

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

Presentation: B. 2023-24 Budget Update

Director of Business and Finance, Damien L. Butler, will provide a quarterly update of the 2023-24 Budget.

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

Trustee Goodrich: Timeline for completion of the audit?

Mr. Butler: December 1st

Trustee Gainsley: Structure of debt relief?

Mr. Butler: \$42 million, cover consolidation debt, difference in tax revenue, classroom and educational improvements

Trustee Townsend: thank legislators, board, superintendent, and team. People will learn the impact of this money on the district. Thank you especially to the superintendent, the board president, Dr. Coscarella for the grant money.

Vice President Lee: Losing SEEK grant, impact payroll?

Mr. Butler: I think we are in good shape.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: SEEK grant pays for professional development, books, conferences, not staff pay. LEAP grant pays for books. We can reapply for the SEEK grant.

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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Brenda Stumbo: Excited about the \$42 million, positive for the community

David Stevens: Employment, left only for medical condition

Alicia and Antone Swanson: Incident at YIES this past Friday

Sean Brandon: Elementary Athletics: funding and implementation

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent), Minutes: 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) October 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2)

Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 10/30/23; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

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

1) October 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

2) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 10/30/23; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

Motion by Meredith Schindler, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of a Donation: Bill Burnette

Last school year, RCTC Automotive Technology program received a sponsorship from Atchinson Ford in Belleville. This partnership brings access to Ford Corporate Training curriculum for our students, an employee pipeline with many job opportunities, and a training vehicle for our students to learn on. In September of this year, the owners of Atchinson Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Atchinson, the Parts and Service Director, Jim Bishop, and the Quick Lane Manager, Brian Conatser, came out and presented a 2015 Ford Focus to RCTC for training purposes. This donation enables our students the opportunity to learn on a newer vehicle. We are very grateful to Atchinson Ford for their generous donation of both their time and the new vehicle. Since the time of entering into this partnership their staff and representatives have been out to our shop four times to visit with our students. Atchinson Ford was also instrumental in inviting Butman Ford to sponsor our RCTC Collision Repair Technology class, which provides all the Ford training to our Collision repair students. We look forward to a wonderful partnership with Ford Motor Company and these Local Dealerships.





.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation of a 2015 Ford Focus from Mr. and Mrs. Atchinson of Atchinson Ford.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. Donations: For YCS Events

Seeking Board approval for donations made to Ypsilanti Community Schools for the F.A.C.E. Conference, Back-to-School Bash, and Jazz in the Parking Lot from

- 1.) McDonald's for \$5000
- 2.) Engage @EMU for \$1000
- 3.) WCC for \$1000
- 4.) Puffer Reds for the \$5000 In-Kind donation of backpacks and notebooks
- 5.) Growing Hope for the \$1000 In-Kind donation of space

Thank you, YCS Supporters, from all the students that you are impacting with these donations!

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- 5.) Growing Hope for the \$1000 In-Kind donation of space for YCS Events.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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No comments

10. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

Trustee Gainsley: Finance and Operational Subcommittee meeting, most of what was discussed has already been discussed in this meeting. Facilities will have a number of open positions so they are getting posted, interim director.

Vice President Lee: Head Start meeting on October 14th, informative meeting. Next meeting they will select officers

Trustee Fields: Met with Lambert, what is planned for the year

Discussion: B. Relocation of Ypsilanti Community Middle School

Ypsilanti Community Schools Board of Education Financial and Operational Subcommittee has discussed the possibility of relocating Ypsilanti Community Middle School to the Willow Run Complex.

Mr. Rose: Capacity in buildings, IB tracks, Maker Spaces, WR is much younger building, WR has much more space, extra gym, a pool, the largest auditorium in district, office spaces, 4 houses for students, each with expandable rooms, can house more students, partnering with district, boilers are running no matter what, consider technology, consider furnishing it, where can we grow?

Trustee Schindler: Moved the middle school a lot.

Mr. Rose: Current staffing is the difference between when the middle school was last at WR and now. There are more principals.

Trustee Townsend: Intentional about marketing, talking with the parents, strategic about the move and plan it well

Mr. Rose: Performance arts, band room

Trustee Goodrich: Commit to the staffing, excited about the space

Mr. Rose: I was there and we didn't know all the needs of the students

Trustee Gainsley: It is a beautiful building and has space for all the staff that is needed, exciting since the building will hopefully be paid off. Find opportunities for community to see the building.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: What else do you need answered? We need to start moving forward with technology and furniture if we are moving the school.

Vice President Lee: Where did the furniture go?

Mr. Rose: East

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Flexible seating, etc.

Trustee Townsend: Cost and timeline, support from the board, overtime, etc., issues with permits, what's the plan?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: The magnet grant will determine a lot of how we can spend the money, two different plans happening at the same time

Trustee Schindler: How will the bussing be affected?

Mr. Rose: We are working with Director Adams about that.

Trustee Gainsley: What can the sinking fund purchase?

Mr. Rose: Looking at the buckets and seeing where we can purchase from.

Vice President Lee: Magnet cover IB?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Yes. It's a five-year program. Things will be sustainable.

Trustee Townsend: Is it a renewable grant?

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Yes.

11. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Townsend: WASB, she is now the vice president, rethinking youth forum, engage students into board participation, potential student board liaison. Rethinking board training, considering revamping mission statement, she will head that committee up. Looking forward to presenting at the MASB this week, reminding people of who we are

Dr. Zachery-Ross: The board will be presenting at the MASB on equity. Grateful to legislatures and everybody. It has been a journey, the money will impact our students. We want to work together.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.