

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, September 11, 2023)

Members present

Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

Members absent

Maria Goodrich, Gillian Gainsley

Meeting called to order at 6:35 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 Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Beatty Early Learning Center 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 Beatty Early Learning Center.

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

5. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: Ypsilanti Community Middle School, March 26 - 29, 2024 (Washington, D.C.)

Ypsilanti Community Middle School Principal, Charles Davis, submitted a proposal for a class trip to Washington D.C. for the 7th and 8th graders at Ypsilanti Community Middle School. As the proud principal of the YCMS, he is excited to attend and lead this trip personally, recognizing the numerous academic and social benefits it will provide to our students.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the field trip of the Ypsilanti Community Middle School to Washington, D.C. on March 26 - 29, 2024.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

6. ACTION ITEM: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of the Concentric Educational Solutions Contract - Carlos Lopez

The purpose of Concentric is to support students, families, and schools by identifying barriers that negatively impact education and providing resources and services to improve student outcomes. The Home Visit Framework is a tiered approach schools use to provide comprehensive school-wide preventive strategies, strategic interventions, and support for all students. The primary goal of the Home Visit Framework is to build capacity in staff members, both instructional and non-instructional, by using home visits as an instrument to enhance student achievement and growth and reconnect families with the district. The Home Visit Framework has SEL competencies embedded in its design.

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

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts the Concentric Educational Solutions Contract for \$50,000.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

7. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. Employee Engagement Survey Results and Analysis Presentation

Kate Shoulder, for K12 Insights will be presenting on the Employee Engagement Survey Results and Analysis. The survey was taken at the end of the 2022-23 school year. K12 Insight provides the expertise and tools to help school districts collect feedback and analyze data that identifies gaps and opportunities impacting the school environment.

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

Presentation: B. Grizzly Learning Camp Presentation

Project Manager, Dr. Mark Coscarella, and staff will provide the school board a summary overview of the 2023 Summer Grizzly Learning Camp.

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment Protocol | Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 0167.3

*The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express their view.

*Please limit statements to three (3) minutes duration.

*Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants; no person may address or question Board members individually.

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

Allie Suffety: Thank you for passing the resolution for gun safety and safe gun storage.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) August 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) August 28, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes 3) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 9/6/23; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

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

1) August 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2) August 28, 2023, Special Board Meeting [Minutes](#)

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

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

10. ACTION ITEM: Student Affairs

Action: A. RESOLUTION: MHSAA Membership, 2023/24

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, 2023 - July 31, 2024, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

Each school district that 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](#) to view the resolution.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association, effective August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

11. ACTION ITEM: Business and Finance

Action: A. Adoption of Resolution to Designate a Representative and Alternate Representative to Middle Cities Risk Management Trust
The YCS Board of Education will appoint Damien L. Butler, Director of Business and Finance, and Barbara Boone, State and Federal Grants Coordinator as Trustee and Alternate Trustee to the Middle Cities Risk Management Trust. Trustees are authorized to cast the district's vote on all matters which come before the Board. He/ She shall serve as Trustee until replaced by this Board in its absolute discretion. Click [here](#) to view the resolution.

Damien L. Butler is also appointed as Risk Management Coordinator for Ypsilanti Community Schools as provided in paragraph 8 of the Interlocal Agreement. He shall serve as Coordinator until replaced by this Board in its absolute discretion.

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the resolution to appoint a representative and alternate representative to Middle Cities Risk Management Trust, making Damien Butler the representative and Barbara Boone the alternate representative.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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No comments.

13. DISCUSSIONS

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

No comments.

14. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you for a good start to the new year. 2023/24 is going to be an amazing The football game had a new section in the stands, the student section, and they were very supportive. The culinary program is up and running and supporting our students. There have been open houses going on and others that are planned. The LEAP grant has been providing books for home libraries. Toyota provided the shirts for opening day. Thank you to all the custodial staff for all the additional cleaning they have been doing. COVID numbers are rising. Please protect yourselves, it is fine to wear masks, have passed out test kits, stay home if you are sick, and we are still following Washtenaw County Health rules. We still have our HRAs to help us. Transportation - the bell times to help with the three-tier.

Thank you, educators from being flexible. Thank you to everyone who is helping to provide before-school care for the elementary schools. We don't want missed instructional time. Technology is working on making PowerSchool more accessible for parents to see their address, etc. The phone system is new and now it is working. Communication is getting better.
Dr. Hawkins: Our proposal has been accepted so we are going to CUBE in Chicago. Thanks to Ms. Haines, Dr. Lopez, Dr. Zachery-Ross

15. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION: Section 8(h) OMA, Attorney-Client Privilege

Action: A. Attorney-Client Session

The board went into closed session at 7:56 p.m.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education convene in closed session under Section 8(h) of the OMA: Attorney-Client Privilege.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Meredith Schindler.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Meredith Schindler, Yvonne Fields, Jeanice Townsend

16. OPEN SESSION

Procedural: A. Reconvene to Open Session

The board came back into open session at 8:50 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting adjourned 8:51 p.m.