

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, March 17, 2025)**Members present**

Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

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 Sharon Lee, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Presentation: A. Ypsilanti Community Middle 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 Ypsilanti Community Middle School.

Principal Charles Davis and his students presented.

Recognition: B. Recognition of WSU SEED Graduates

On behalf of the Board, we extend our warmest congratulations to the Wayne State University SEED Program graduates who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and academic excellence throughout their journey. These remarkable students have not only completed their rigorous academic requirements but have also emerged as true leaders and innovators, embodying the very best of what Ypsilanti Community Schools represents. As they put their new ESL Certification into practice, we are confident that these SEED graduates will continue to make significant contributions to their communities and serve as inspiring examples for future generations of students.

Congratulations to Rachel Anderson, Renee Brooks, Kayla Dillon, Rebecca Fuller, Shannon Happy, Erin Kissel, William Marra, Aimee McVay, Tabia Patton, Jennifer Pruss, Tyler Rindo, Katherine Shafer, Andrea Stanczyk, and Abigail Woodman.

Recognition: C. Recognition of the TEN80 Participants

We are incredibly proud of the students from Ypsilanti Community Middle School who represented our district at the national Ten80 STEM tournament in Chicago! Their hard work, innovation, and teamwork led them to an incredible victory as they brought home the Grand Prize and earned 1st place in multiple categories. This remarkable achievement reflects not only their dedication, but also the unwavering support of our principals, WISD team members, and classroom teachers who guided and encouraged them along the way. Congratulations to our amazing team—you've made YCMS and the entire community proud! Congratulations to Teliha Hinton, Anthony Perry, DaVondre Terry, Elovie Mazama, Diallo Corley-Washington, and Monet Johnson.

5. ACTION ITEMS: Student Affairs

Action, Procedural: A. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCHS/RCTC Culinary, April 6 - 9, 2025 (Houston, Texas)

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community High School/Culinary program to Houston, Texas, on April 6 - 9, 2025 for the NASA Hunch Culinary Challenge World Championship.

This proposal comes from Chef Aaron Gaertner, CTE Instructor and ProStart Instructor. RCTC students have already earned a spot among the top 10 teams in the world for the NASA HUNCH Culinary Challenge. These talented young professionals will compete against peers from across the globe. With dedication and effort, they will have the opportunity to win prizes and scholarships. The winning team will receive a scholarship to Sullivan University's National Center for Hospitality Studies in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as the unique honor of having their dish served to astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Go Grizzlies!

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

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

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action, Procedural: B. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YCMS TEN80 Team, April 24 - 27, 2025 (Charlotte, NC)

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of the Ypsilanti Community Middle School TEN80 program to Charlotte, NC, on April 24 - 27, 2025 for the National Championship Challenge for the TEN 80 Race at the Charlotte International Speedway.

Principal Charles Davis of the Ypsilanti Community Middle School is requesting permission to send six exceptional honor roll students, comprising the triumphant "Golden Grizzly" race team, to defend their title at the upcoming TEN80 racing competition in Charlotte, North Carolina. This remarkable team achieved an unprecedented feat by clinching victory in every race they

competed in during the event held in Atlanta, GA.

Their unparalleled success not only showcases their exceptional talent but also exemplifies the school's commitment to fostering excellence and innovation in STEM education. Moreover, it serves as an inspiring testament to the power of determination, teamwork, and dedication.

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

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action, Procedural: C. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: YIES 5th Grade Camp, May 21 - 22, 2025 (Somerset, MI)

This proposal comes from Dr. Cassandra Sheriff, Principal of Ypsilanti International Elementary School. Students will engage in environmental studies while enhancing their conflict resolution, team building, leadership, and communication skills. The 5th grade camp also embodies key IB skills, including being a risk-taker, communicator, and inquirer. This trip to Somerset Beach Campground and Retreat Center in Somerset, Michigan, will provide a valuable experience as these 5th graders transition from elementary school to middle school.

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

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action, Procedural: D. Acceptance of Field Trip Request: FIRST Robotics Competition State Championship, April 3 - 5, 2025 (University Center, MI)

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip of Ypsilanti Community High School for the FIRST Robotics Competition State Championships in University Center, Michigan on May April 3 - 5, 2025.

This proposal comes from Dan Schunck, YCHS's STEMM Early Middle College Coordinator and lead robotics coach. Grizzly Robotics Team 66 plans to attend the FIRST Robotics State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University April 3-5 as long as we continue to qualify. The top 160 teams in Michigan can attend and we are currently 44th but there are 2 more weeks of events. FIRST's Mission is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and participating in this event will further inspire our students as they engage with other student leaders from around the state.

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

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

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Dawn Espy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

6. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. YCS 2025-26 Course Catalog Presentation - Dr. Carlos Lopez

YCS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez will provide an overview of the 2025-26 YCS Course Catalog, focusing on the new courses that will be offered.

Click [here](#) to view the course catalog.

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

Click [here](#) to view the list of new courses.

Dr. Carlos Lopez presented.

Trustee Townsend: These are for all the schools or just the magnet schools?

Dr. Lopez: A lot of these new classes are at the high school but some are at YIES.

Presentation: B. Section 98b Presentation - Dr. Carlos Lopez

Dr. Carlos Lopez will present on the Section 98b report to report on midyear student growth and achievements.

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

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

Dr. Carlos Lopez presented.

Trustee Goodrich: I want to acknowledge that transitions are hard. Thank you for cohort data. I would love to figure out how to visualize some of the variability because you can get to 50% with everyone clustered at 50% or with some students making an 80% growth and others 20%. It would be great if we could find some way to get a handle on that variability to help us with our examination of your causes. Thank you.

Dr. Lopez: Maybe separate the data by Tier 1, 2, and 3. We are working on it.

Trustee Sutton-Kennedy: Transitions in the curriculum and when that transitions took place?

Dr. Lopez: We rolled it out in the fall.

Trustee Townsend: We have had two companies helping us with absenteeism. It would be good to see some data on that specifically for Holmes and ACCE. It see how that is working.

Dr. Lopez: We could take that a little further and see how scores compare to attendance.

Dr. Hawkins: I appreciate the presentation and all the work that went into it. Data tells us part of the story. It isn't the whole story. I appreciate the honest conversation and the emphasis of moving with urgency and not being satisfied with where we are. Thank you, Trustee Goodrich, for being part of that benchmark team. We are going in the right direction and we have to stay the course.

Presentation: C. MDE Final Partnership District Benchmark Review Summary

Dr. Lopez will present an overview of the MDE 18 Months Structured Benchmark review presentation shared with district partnership leadership on December 13, 2024 to discuss the progress of Holmes STEAM Elementary School and ACCE.

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

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

Dr. Carlos Lopez presented.

Trustee Goodrich: Thank you so much. It is a great thing to celebrate. We are also a little further along now and it is really exciting to see the teachers that are ESL certified and are available to support.

Dr. Hawkins: Thank you, Dr. Lopez, and especially for clearing up the data.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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Peri Stone-Palmquist - trying to raise money for the schools, Advocacy Day on April 29th - advocating for 31A, special education, and mental health, working on a ballot initiative to tax millionaires to support schools, yearly storytelling event will feature an Ypsilanti student

Donald Johnson - do we have a fallback plan if funds are cut?, maybe take the Black Live Matters flag down so we aren't a target for the politicians

Kelissia Stewart - her kids are special needs and they go to the middle school, the teacher is recording the students on her personal phone, she has pulled her kids from the school

Jeremy Hailey - diversity of thought, new testing results - only two states passed them, only 37% passed in Michigan, concerned about kids always getting what they want and all the flashy things on TV

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: ... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: 1) February 24, 2025, Special Board Workshop Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 3/17/25; New Hires, Resignations, and Other.

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

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

1) February 24, 2025, Special Board Workshop Meeting [Minutes](#)

2) [Personnel matters](#) as per the presented list dated 3/17/25; New Hires, Resignations, and Other.

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

9. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. First Reading of Neola Policy Updates - Vol. 39, No. 2 - February 2025 - PO 8510

Re: *NEOLA of Michigan Local Templates/Policy Updates - Vol. 39, No. 2 - February 2025 - PO 8510*

The Board of Education shall adopt bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and the District. The Policy subcommittee has recently reviewed the following policies and is now submitting these to begin the approval process. Trustee Goodrich highlighted the major changes.

10. ACTION ITEMS: Student Affairs

Action: A. Approval of the YCS 2025-26 K-12 Course Catalog

....MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the YCS 2025-26 K-12 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.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

11. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of the E-Rate Category 1 Fiber Maintenance

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, as presented, the choice of Fiberlink as the recommended vendor for the work of fiber maintenance for Ypsilanti Community Schools.

We have selected Fiberlink for maintaining the fiber network as the vendor of choice. The proposal here only guarantees the repair rates of the vendor but does not commit the district to any specific amount of spending. As a part of the E-Rate category 1 bid the cost of the work is discounted at 90% up to the amount that was bid.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Dawn Espy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: B. Acceptance of the E-Rate Category 1 Core Switches

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education award, as presented, the selection of Sentinel Technologies for procuring core switches for Ypsilanti Community Schools.

Our YCS network is really a combination of Willow Run and Ypsilanti Public networks joined together at the WISD. We hope to address this with our fiber project, but in the meantime we are in need of updated equipment to handle this join.

We propose upgrading our current core switches at the WISD in order to have modern equipment to handle the complex engineering required to stitch together the two physical diverse networks into a single cohesive system.

This is an E-Rate Category 1 project and will be covered at 90% discount. We have selected Sentinel as the preferred vendor to do this work based on their experience and cost.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: C. Acceptance of the MDOT Resolution

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education support the performance resolution for MDOT.

The rationale for the resolution is that this project will require creating new underground paths along major roads and so MDOT will need to approve the work that will be happening.

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

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: D. Acceptance of the Roof Replacement for Ford, ACCE, and Shadford Fieldhouse

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, as presented, the choice of KJP Roofing for roof replacement for Ford and Shadford Fieldhouse for \$440,750.00 and Superior Roofing for roof replacement for ACCE for \$276,850.00.

YCS Facilities department requested bids for the roof replacements at Ford, ACCE, and Shadford fieldhouse. Below are the bids and a project cost overview. The total cost for the project is approximately \$717,600.

KJP Roofing was the low-qualified bidder for the Ford and Shadford projects, with a bid of \$440,750. Superior Roofing was the low-qualified bidder for the ACCE project, with a bid of \$276,850.

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The total project cost has been budgeted in the sinking fund.

The administration is recommending that the Board authorize the approval of the following contracts:

KJP Roofing for Ford and Shadford, in the amount of \$440,750

Superior Roofing for ACCE, in the amount of \$276,850

Roofing Bid Comparison for YCS (2025)

Company	Ford	ACCE/George Shadford	All Total	All Total (Alt)
Unlimited Construction	\$521,361	\$380,050	\$90,057	\$986,468
Advanced Construction	\$416,005	\$347,242	\$60,000	\$823,247
Shain	\$418,489	no bid	\$71,590	no bid
Bloom	\$476,062	\$614,305	\$87,151	\$1,177,518
Superior	\$437,300	\$276,850	\$60,950	\$770,000
Quality	\$543,892	\$398,309	\$111,611	\$1,049,265
KJP	\$388,000	\$325,000	\$52,750	\$765,750
Schena	\$410,795	\$452,960	\$94,795	\$941,144

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: E. Acceptance of the Three-Year Roofing Repair T & M Contract

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, as presented, the choice of KJP Roofing for the three-year roofing repair T & M contract for \$21,825.

Over the past three years, we have successfully undertaken roofing repairs during the months of October and November. This approach has significantly minimized disruptions to the school day, allowing us to address most roofing issues in the fall. As a result, we have seen a consistent reduction in repair calls year after year. Additionally, this strategy has enabled us to keep costs low while extending the lifespan of our roofs, thus maximizing the value we derive from our sinking fund budget.

In order to maintain this success, we have reviewed representative repair bills from previous years and competitively bid the project for the next three years to secure pricing for both labor and materials.

Please find attached a summary of the bids and the projected project costs. The total replacement cost is estimated at \$21,825 (\$95/hr. plus, material) KJP Roofing submitted the lowest qualified bid for the three-year roofing repair time-and-material (T&M) contract.

Based on this information, the administration is recommending that the Board authorize us to proceed with awarding the three-year roofing repair T&M contract to KJP Roofing Company, as outlined in their bid pricing.

Roofing Companies and Bids for YCS Roofing (T&M Bid 2025):

Company	Total Bid Hourly Rate
Unlimited Construction	No bid -
Advanced Construction	No bid -
Shain	No bid -
Bloom	No bid -
Superior	No bid -
Quality	No bid -
KJP	\$21,825 \$95
Schena	No bid -
Royal Roofing	No bid -

YCS Roofing T&M Repair Bid - 2025

Item	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Labor	167 hours	\$95.00	\$15,865.00
Materials			
5" Flashing	10	\$235.00	\$2,350.00
9" Flashing	6	\$260.00	\$1,560.00
Primer	9	\$40.00	\$360.00
Lap Sealant	144	\$10.00	\$1,440.00

Item	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Cleaner	2	\$125.00	\$250.00

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: F. Acceptance of the Electric Sign Bid Awards

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, as presented, the choice of AFSmith Electric for Ford, Holmes, Perry, and the previous YCMS electric signs for \$205,545, Harper Electric for ACCE, Estabrook, YCHS, and YIES electric signs for \$75,525, and Michigan Electrical Systems for Erickson electric sign for \$9,500. The proposed technology improvements, which include the installation of electronic signs at each school, require two electrical circuits for each sign—one for the sign itself and one for the lighted school name at the top of each sign.

I have attached a summary of the bids and the project cost details. The total construction cost is approximately \$290,570. Below are the results of the bidding process:

- **AFSmith Electric:** The low-qualified bidder for Ford, Holmes, Perry, and the previous YCMS, totaling **\$205,545**.
- **Harper Electric:** The low-qualified bidder for ACCE, Estabrook, YCHS, and YIES, totaling **\$75,525**.
- **Michigan Electrical Systems:** The low-qualified bidder for Erickson, totaling **\$9,500**.

The total project cost is covered within the sinking fund budget.

The administration recommends that the Board authorize the administration to approve the Electrical Sign Bid Awards as follows:

- **AFSmith Electric Company** for \$205,545
- **Harper Electric Company** for \$75,525
- **Michigan Electrical Systems Company** for \$9,500

Building	AFSMITH	HARPER	MI ELECTRICAL
ACCE	\$24,700.00	\$22,675.00	No bid
Erickson	\$22,860.00	\$21,175.00	\$9,500.00
Estabrook	\$27,900.00	\$25,450.00	No bid
Ford STEAM	\$37,530.00	\$40,150.00	No bid
Holmes	\$43,520.00	\$46,130.00	No bid
Perry	\$38,225.00	\$41,660.00	No bid
Previous YCMS	\$38,370.00	\$41,050.00	\$9,200*DTE
YCMS	\$47,900.00	\$48,770.00	\$9,200*DTE
YCHS	\$6,850.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,500.00
YIES	\$24,300.00	\$22,150.00	No bid
Total for All	\$312,155.00	\$314,460.00	No bid

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: G. Acceptance of the Estabrook Boiler Bid Award

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, as presented, the choice of Thermal Mechanical for the Estabrook Boiler Replacement for \$158,000.00.

The boilers at Estabrook are currently oversized for the building and have not been operating efficiently for several years. As a result, Estabrook experiences the highest volume of repair calls, leading to unnecessary downtime and ongoing expenses. Despite working with engineers and contractors to find acceptable solutions, we have not been able to achieve an effective fix. In light of this, we recommend replacing the existing boilers with newly designed Lochinvar modular boilers, which we have successfully installed at Chapelle, ACCE, YCHS, the previous YCMS, and West Middle School. These modular boilers will improve efficiency, reduce interruptions, and lower long-term operational costs, ultimately providing a better learning environment. Below, you will find a summary of the bids and a project cost breakdown. The total replacement cost is approximately \$158,000. Thermal Mechanical was the low qualified bidder, with a bid of \$158,000. The administration is recommending that the Board approve the Estabrook Boiler Replacement Bid Award to Thermal Mechanical for \$158,000.

Here is the bid tab summary for the Estabrook Boiler project:

Company	Bid Amount
Detroit Boiler	\$176,508
Detroit Metro Mechanical	\$188,880
Henrick Associates	No bid
Precision Climate	\$195,950
Thermal Mechanical	\$158,000

Motion by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: H. Acceptance of the 1st Maker Space Proposal

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve, as presented, the choice of 1st Maker Space for the Magnet Makerspaces for \$787,240.27. We engaged in a bid process for furniture, equipment, consumables, and curriculum for our Magnet Makerspaces. Our selection criteria focused on finding a company that could provide contemporary, durable furniture, along with the necessary equipment, training, and curriculum to ensure effective integration into each school's academic plan.

After careful consideration of our needs and objectives, the team selected 1st Makerspace. This provider offers a comprehensive solution for our Makerspaces, which includes:

- Furniture
- Equipment
- Consumables (for each year of the grant)
- Training on all equipment
- Curriculum
- STEM/Makerspace Professional Development

While other bids were lower in cost, they did not provide the full range of resources necessary to maximize the effectiveness of our Makerspaces.

Location(s) of Makerspaces/Innovation Rooms

- Ford STEAM ELC - north section of Media Center & Makerspace Classroom
- Holmes STEAM - south section of Media Center & Makerspace Classroom
- YCMS - room 51 & classroom next to Media Center
- YCHS - south section of Media Center & room next to HP Lab

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

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Dawn Espy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: I. Acceptance of Sub-Recipient Contract for the Provision of Head Start Services

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the Sub-Recipient Contract for the Provision of Head Start Services in the amount of \$2,176,178.00.

The attached 2024/25 Head Start grant award includes a detailed budget and a program description. The award amount is \$2,176,178.00. The grant is for Head Start services for 229 slots for children enrolled in the YCS Head Start program. This grant funds programming at three YCS buildings: Beatty ELC, Ford ELC and Perry ELC. Funds pay for teachers, supplies, teacher training, contracts, and other basic needs of an educational program. According to the requirement of our Head Start contract, the district is committed to funding transportation services, maintenance, and substitute costs to support the Head Start programs at all three buildings.

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

Motion by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: J. Approval of Sankofa Learning LLC Invoice

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Sankofa Learning LLC invoice for compensatory tutoring for February to August 2025 for \$32,125.00.

The Department of Student Support Services is asking for \$32,125.00 Sankofa Learning is the agency that has been hired to provide mandatory compensatory tutorial/special education services for students whose parents have opted for these services versus having them provided by the district. The students who will receive these services are multiply impaired and require several hours of compensatory services that must be provided outside of the regular school hours per the Michigan Department of Education.

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

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: K. Approval of Panorama Education Invoice

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve Panorama Education Invoice for \$166,358.00.

Panorama is a platform where we house student surveys, attendance and behavior data, IRIP reports, and MTSS/EWIMS data. This is a five-year contract.

Click [here](#) to view the service order.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Action: L. Acceptance of a Donation: Jasmynn's Voice

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accepts a donation from Jasmynn's Voice for \$2,000 for mats at Perry Early Learning Center.

Jasmynn's Voice would like to donate \$2,000 for playground accessible mats at Perry Early Learning Center. Thank you, Jasmynn's Voice, from all the students that you are impacting with this donation!

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

Motion by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, second by Sharon Lee.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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No public comments.

13. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

Trustee Townsend: Last week we had the ribbon cutting for the Digital Promise AI space. Congrats to the school and facilities for turning that space around so quickly. It looked beautiful. Finance - lay out the plans for the PA 321 debt relief, transportation software will be rolling out. Last week there was a meeting of the YCSF - to talk about supporting school PTOs and how that can be equitable. Scholarship applications are open. WASB - reelected as the president of the WASB, working on setting up a town hall so we can best advocate with all of the different changes that are coming to education, intentional on what we are asking for, dates for WASB - Annual ISD meeting on April 24th on Zoom, Legislative Breakfast on May 19th, Board of Directors meeting on June 12th in person, the bi-annual WISD election will be on June 2nd and our representative will need to go in person to vote for the candidate the board chooses.

Trustee Fields: Community Relations Subcommittee met on March 13th, they are working on spotlights for student athletes, appreciate the reports, still working on Together Tuesdays.

Vice President Lee: Preschool February meeting, only five for the meeting so they didn't have a quorum, one parent who thinks she can be the secretary but they couldn't vote her in, five kids on the waitlist for Head Start, WISD signed the budget so we know how is available.

Trustee Sutton-Kennedy: WASB held a professional development learning session on March 13th to talk about dyslexia. Grant applications will come out in May or June, 2025. We might want to work on the information for the application so we can get it in early when the grant opens.

Trustee Espy: Senator Jeff Irwin also came to that meeting to show his support for the bill and shared his story.

14. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Espy: The ribbon cutting was an incredible event, amazing support from Digital Promise, was inspired by the students

Trustee Townsend: Attending the CTE event tomorrow at WCC, the HP event was very nice, April 19th Easter Egg Hunt at Perry School

Trustee Goodrich: I would like to ditto what has already been said about the AI lab and how exciting and innovative it is.

Trustee Fields: I was also there at the AI lab opening and it was nice to see so many people joining and celebrating, went to opening night for Madagascar which was amazing.

Trustee Sutton-Kennedy: I went to Madagascar and I was truly impressed.

Dr. Hawkins: Our theme this year is Unleash the Brilliance and people need to come and check us out, the scholars and teachers are doing amazing things. There was a news story about the AI lab on national news, we were highlighted, it's a big deal. We are doing cutting edge things right here at YCS.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you for the board support. March is Reading Month, Women's History month, Estabrook did a play on the Montgomery Bus Boycott. I appreciate all your support at all the different events. The play was amazing. I was floored by the performances and talent at Embracing of Differences. Thank you to all the students and staff who were involve in that. Robotics 66 is ready to go to that state championship. The culinary program not only won but they were featured on Channel 7 and got to cook on tv. Thank you for coming the Digital Promise AI event. The lab comes with professional development and the staff is embracing it. WCC is supporting the FASFA work. Zaqueta Brown is already launching the information about the drone aviation program and CTE summer program. The high school is having an AI conference for families on April 24th. Thank you for the advocacy from the WASB. On March 19th there is a walk in to protect our students and families. Those who can come to WCC tomorrow to hear about CTE are invited. Dillon will be speaking at the event. It will be about the new CTE and experiential learning. I am a keynote speaker at the Dean EDU talk on April 17th.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.