

REGULAR MEETING (Monday, August 18, 2025)**Members present**

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

Members absent

Celeste Hawkins

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Lee, Board Vice 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 Dawn Espy, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. PRESENTATION

Presentation: A. Summer Projects Presentation

The YCS Board of Education is excited to hear how our summer projects are moving forward. Our facilities director, Jon Burchwell, and Director of Finance, Damien Butler will present.

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

Jon Burchwell and Damien Butler presented.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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No public comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Action, Minutes, Report: A. Consent Agenda

Seeking Board approval of the presented meeting minutes.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the: August 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Yvonne Fields, second by Dawn Espy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. ACTION ITEMS: Student Affairs

Action: A. NWEA Purchase: Dr. Carlos Lopez, Assistant Superintendent

Board approval of the attached NWEA Sales Order is being requested to keep continuity of instruction.

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

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the NWEA purchase for a pay upfront three year contract totaling, in the amount of \$117,112.50.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. SIS 4 Teacher PD and Curriculum for Special Education Purchase: Dr. Carlos Lopez, Assistant Superintendent Seeking board approval of the attached SIS 4 Teacher PD and Curriculum for Special Education Purchase Order.

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

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the SIS 4 Teacher PD and Curriculum for Special Education Purchase in the amount of \$101,200.00.

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of Quote: Corwin

Seeking Board approval for the quote for Corwin.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the quote for Corwin for \$108,215.00.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: B. Acceptance of Quote: YCS Art and Social Studies Collaborative Project Proposal

Seeking Board approval for the quote for YCS Art and Social Studies Collaborative Project Proposal.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the quote for the YCS Art and Social Studies Collaborative Project for \$92,500.00.

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: C. Acceptance of Quote: Redemption Inc. Social Studies Professional Development and Learning

Seeking Board approval for the quote for Redemption Inc. Social Studies Professional Development and Learning.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the quote for Redemption Inc. Social Studies Professional Development and Learning for \$40,000.00.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: D. Acceptance of Quote: Black History 101 Mobile Museum to Visit Ypsilanti Community School

Seeking Board approval for the quote for the Black History 101 Mobile Museum to visit Ypsilanti Community Schools.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the quote for the Black History 101 Mobile Museum to visit Ypsilanti Community School for \$79,050.00.

Motion by Dawn Espy, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: E. Acceptance of Quote: WeEmpower LLC

Seeking Board approval for the quote for WeEmpower, Inc.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the quote for WeEmpower LLC for \$78,000.00.

Motion by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, second by Dawn Espy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action: F. Acceptance of the YCS LEA Contract

After further meetings with Superintendent Zachery-Ross, the need for additional staff to support additional technology and the new Spanish immersion program being opened this fall, have been added. These include a full time Site Coordinator and expanding the PowerSchool Administrator from half time to full time.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education adopt the revised YCS LEA Contract for the 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28 school years for a total of \$664,802.78 for additional technology support services.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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10. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Trustee Sutton-Kennedy: Legislative Breakfast on September 15 at 7:30 a.m. The ribbon-cutting at Puentes was very exciting, all the positive energy from the community.

Trustee Fields: The ribbon-cutting was great. Fun time at the retreat. It was a fun learning time getting us ready for the new school year. Kudos to Trustee Sutton-Kennedy. You did well.

Trustee Townsend: Thanks the superintendent and central office staff for the board retreat. We learning a lot and had informative presentations. Megan Carr from Perry did an excellent job. Thank you to all the educators at Perry. Ribbon-cutting was excellent. The babies are ready. Opening Day is tomorrow. I'm excited for 2025-26.

Trustee Espy: Thank you to Dr. Zachery-Ross and central office administrators. The board retreat was very insightful and had a lot of value to it. Puentes is really set up for students and staff be able to work with each other. Thank you to the board members and the staff as we start a new year. A lot of great things happening.

Vice President Lee: Thankful for this community. I'm still learning and I'm just grateful. Thank you.

Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you for putting your trust in me and our central office staff. Thank you to our facilities team for all their hard work and for Jon's leadership. They are excited to give you the tours of the rest of the building. Opening day for the educators is tomorrow and you can feel the energy and excitement. Thank you to everyone who helped with the new teacher boot camp last week. We have a lot of educators for out-of-state and out-of-country who are very happy to be here. We will have the YCS Conference on Wednesday, August 20th when we will have 26 sessions. There are welcome backs at the schools on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is our AI Conference at Puentes. Transportation is having a fun activities. We had an exciting ribbon-cutting for Ypsilanti Puentes Multilingual School earlier today. We are welcoming all our scholars back on Monday, August 25th.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.