

This meeting was held via remote/electronic participation in accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48 (COVID-19). The Technology Department navigated Public Comments by a phone line and a Google Doc; instructions were included in the Board packet. All meeting votes were called by "roll call".

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS; 1885 Packard Road; Ypsilanti, MI 48197

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 8, 2020

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT *(Call to Order; Roll Call)*

President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows *(7:58 arrival)*, Secretary Sharon Lee, Treasurer Gillian Gainsley, Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Meredith Schindler *(10:38 departure)*, Trustee Maria Sheler-Edwards *(7:01 arrival)*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT: *None*

IMPORTANT MESSAGE(S) REGARDING THIS MEETING: *See Board Packet for Details*

Electronic Meeting (via Google Hangouts) In Accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48 (COVID-19)

Electronic Meeting Guidelines

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Board President, Dr. Celeste Hawkins.

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Ypsilanti Community Schools is proud to announce Patricia Stevenson-McGee, 8th grade teacher at Ypsilanti Community Middle School, was selected as the 2020 A2Y Chamber and LaFontaine Automotive Group Teacher of the Year. Ms. Stevenson was one of many candidates who were considered for this award in Washtenaw County schools. This is the second year in a row that a YCS teacher has won this award. This is a testament of great things happening at YCS.

ACCEPTANCE OF "AMENDED" AGENDA: Amended Agenda Accepted as Presented. Amendment - **Added, DISCUSSION:** Continuation of Police Liaison Contracts (City of Ypsilanti & Washtenaw County Sheriff)

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 5/0 Yes

Yes: Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Lee, Hawkins

PRESENTATIONS

2020/21 and Summer School Planning

Summer School: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez presented a PowerPoint on plans for summer school. 2020 summer school will be offered via remote learning: Google Classroom and Zoom. The program will begin on June 23rd, ending July 30th.

2020/21 Planning Guide/Considerations: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez shared a PowerPoint presentation, informing the Board and the public of planning taking place. The 2020/21 committee has been considering the following scenarios for instruction: Face-to-Face Learning, Blended Learning, Online Learning and Intermittently Virtual Learning. We will not know what the parameters will be until most likely mid-July, yet, we must prepare for several scenarios.

Preliminary Budget Recommendation: Director of Business/Finance Priya Nayak presented a preliminary budget/finance recommendation. Our June 29th meeting will include: a budget adoption, Board adoption of 2020/21 initial budget, prepare a revised budget based on Board recommendations, and, continue to update “working budget” as new information arrives throughout the year. Board comments included debt repayment, arts and extra-curricular, projected loss and energy costs.

Infrastructure Proposal with Dell EMC to Purchase New Host Infrastructure System: Director of Technology Nik Jackson presented information on quotes received to purchase a new host infrastructure system. Bids were received from two vendors: Sentinel & Dell EMC. Our current host/storage system is currently experiencing hardware failure. Our system hosts several critical systems for District operations. Project funding would be through the Sinking Fund. The project would allow for system stability and optimal speed for all network services.

Price Quote with Apple Inc. Education to Purchase 200 Computer Systems: Director of Technology Nik Jackson shared a proposal to purchase computers for teaching staff. We have about 449 computers to replace and are proposing to replace 200 this year and the others likely next year. Pricing for this project is “REMC-bid approved” and will be Sinking Fund funded.

2020/21 School Calendar: Director of Human Resources Sue McCarty, Associate Principal Jeanina Harris and Assistant Principal/Supervisor of Special Education Amanda Rawsky presented a draft calendar. At this time we are waiting for union agreement. Superintendent Zachery-Ross shared administration met with the union shortly before this meeting; the draft calendar was shown on the “meeting screen”. The Board made inquiries on a couple of dates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #1: The Technology Department navigated Public Comments by a phone line and a Google Doc; instructions were included in the Board packet.

Callers: Annie Sommerville and Peri Stone-Palmquist commented on police liaison contracts.

Public comments *read aloud* by Board President Hawkins: *Erin Schaffer* commented on police liaison contracts. *Jeannette Hadden* and *Elisabeth M.* commented on police presence in schools. *Maria Goodrich:* no comment at this time. *Dawn Espy* commented on school law enforcement funds. *Ryan McCarty* commented on “blended [schooling] options”.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO approve the: 1) May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, and; 2) personnel matters as per the attached list dated 5/31/20.

Motion by Lee, supported by Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

ACTION ITEMS, Student Affairs

WCC Postsecondary Enrollment Agreement

MOTION TO approve the 2020/21 Postsecondary Enrollment Agreement with Washtenaw Community College, with an expiration date of June 30, 2021.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

RESOLUTION: MHSAA Membership, 2020/21

MOTION TO approve the Resolution for Membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association, effective August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

2020/21 School Calendar

MOTION TO approve the District school calendar for the 2020/21 school year. NOTE: Amendment to May 4th.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

ACTION ITEMS, Business/Finance

Infrastructure Proposal with Dell EMC

MOTION TO award, as presented, the purchase agreement to Dell EMC to purchase a new host and storage system, for an amount not to exceed \$100,390.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

Price Quote with Apple Inc. Education

MOTION TO award, as presented, the purchase of 200 computer systems to Apple Inc. Education, for an amount not to exceed \$263,956.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Gainsley

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

RESOLUTION Urging for School Funding Stabilization

MOTION TO adopt the attached: Resolution Urging for School Funding Stabilization.

Motion by Schindler, supported by Lee

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

Note: Resolution read aloud by Schindler.

Added Item | DISCUSSION: Continuation of Police Liaison Contracts (City of Ypsilanti & Washtenaw County Sheriff). Schindler commented on violence against students of color, but not saying this happened with us. Comments on more support staff. Sheler-Edwards would like to hear from stakeholders (parents, students, teachers); Zachery-Ross shared stakeholders have not been polled; this was a late-coming request to the Board packet and was a request from citizens. Gainsley shared the importance of the topic in our county and favors staff input. Inquiry on budget implications and replacing funding with others who could provide services. Lee inquires on contract expiration. Zachery-Ross states the contract with the Washtenaw Sheriff's Office is January 1, 2012 - 2022. The history of having two school resource officers came from pre-consolidation of Willow Run Community and Ypsilanti Public Schools: one District used the City of Ypsilanti and one used the Washtenaw County Sheriff - then the merger. Hawkins echoed some sentiments, specifically Schindler and Gainsley's. Police presence: cost benefit - better suited. Inquiry on data: do the police departments collect data on how they impact our schools (safety, etc.)? Review of policies and practices. What is the impact on students? Bias? Prejudice? Not saying this has happened with our officers. Consideration of counselor, social worker, trusted person in community as a possible alternative to police presence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2: None

OTHER: None

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

- *Hawkins* thanked staff, students and families for the transition to remote learning. Well wishes for the future to Seniors, and, middle school students moving up to Ypsilanti Community High School.
- *Schindler* spoke of two teachers on Twitter who posted photos of each Senior, along with something they appreciated about them, and, colleges they will attend.
- *Gainsley* gave a shout-out for the student art kits; favors continuing in the future, if possible.
- *Sheler-Edwards* commented on Senior pictures on the sign at Packard and Hewitt. Favors continuing this tradition.
- *Hawkins* congratulated Seniors who received scholarships.
- *Zachery-Ross* states our students are missed every day; they are missed for special events. Thankful for great partnerships, staff and stakeholders. Parents are the very first teachers of children; parents have been amazing and their flexibility/partnership through this is appreciated. Mention of parade and delivering things to student homes. Students have forged through the pandemic, and now, black/brown students with the state of the country (racism). Thank you, students, for your work/commitment. Accolades to Seniors, remembering their drive through for pick up of cap/gowns, signs, etc. Recognition of the online National Honor Society Induction. A ceremony online; Commencement will not be traditional. Some continue to meet with principal; a voice of the Seniors. Grants, monies from outside of YCS: Eastern Michigan University, Communities in Schools, etc. "I believe the best is yet to come." Met with "all" staff (350+) on Friday: sense of belonging, what action steps to be taken.
- *Hawkins* acknowledged donors recognized at our last Board meeting and were followed up with a letter. Before the COVID-19 pandemic we were not a 1:1 technology District. Acknowledged Zachery-Ross, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carlos Lopez and administration for creating tremendous opportunity. Hawkins read an excerpt from a poem regarding "love of learning".

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION – Section 8 (c) OMA, Collective Bargaining Strategy

MOTION TO convene in closed session under Section 8(c) of the OMA to consider a Collective Bargaining Strategy, Negotiations.

Motion by Lee, supported by Schindler

Roll Call Vote: 7/0 Yes

Yes: Meadows, Gainsley, Champagne, Schindler, Sheler-Edwards, Lee, Hawkins

The meeting was called to closed session at 9:17 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 10:41 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:42 p.m.

Attachments:

1) RESOLUTION Urging for School Funding Stabilization

2) RESOLUTION: MHSAA Membership, 2020/21

Minutes Prepared by: Paula Gutzman



Sharon Lee, Secretary
Board of Education
Ypsilanti Community Schools

**YPSILANTI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Washtenaw County, Michigan**

Resolution Urging for School Funding Stabilization

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has created a disruption to all facets of life for people in Michigan, across the United States and around the world;

Whereas, schools have risen to and exceeded the challenge of providing instruction and learning opportunities to students during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, schools have mobilized to rapidly to meet the basic physical, mental, and social-emotional needs of students, families, and communities; and

Whereas, school districts and their budgets operate for the fiscal year beginning July 1 annually; and

Whereas, the impact of a projected \$1.2 billion shortfall to school districts at the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year after schools have already expended funds as mandated by Executive Order 2020-35 would destabilize schools and communities across the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, without budget stabilization efforts, the impact of a projected \$6 billion shortfall over the next three fiscal years would devastate the futures of students, schools, and communities across Michigan, particularly students of color, students with disabilities, and students in poverty; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Ypsilanti Community School District Board of Education calls for measures to stabilize school funding, such as freezing the 2020-21 pupil counts at Fall 2019 pupil counts to minimize variability in budget planning, calling on the federal government to provide revenue replacement for states, and to preserve the futures of our students, public schools, and communities of the state of Michigan.

*Trustee Maria Sheler - Edwards
Trustee Ellen Champagne, Trustee Meredith Schinder,
Secretary Sharon Lee, Treasurer Gillian Gainsley,*

7/0

AYES: Members: Board President Dr. Celeste Hawkins, Vice-President Brenda Meadows,

NAYS: Members: Ø

ABSENT: Members: Ø

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED: Monday, June 8, 2020

Sharon Lee

Secretary, Board of Education



2020-21

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association is a voluntary, nonprofit corporation comprised of public, private and parochial junior high/ middle and senior high schools whose Boards of Education/Governing Bodies have voluntarily applied for and received membership for and on behalf of their secondary schools. The association sponsors statewide tournaments and makes eligibility rules with respect to participation in such Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsored tournaments in the various sports. Each Board of Education/Governing Body that wishes to host or participate in such meets and tournaments must join the MHSAA and agree to abide by and enforce the MHSAA rules, regulations and qualifications concerning eligibility, game rules and tournament policies, procedures and schedules. It is a condition for participation in any MHSAA postseason tournaments that high schools adhere to at least the minimum standards of Regulation I and the maximum limitations of Regulation II in ALL MHSAA Tournament sports.

Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments are the collective property of the MHSAA and not of any individual member school. The MHSAA reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of MHSAA-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests, and the use of images or transmissions identifying contest officials, spectators and member schools' students, personnel and marks.

To obtain membership, it is necessary for the Board of Education/Governing Body to adopt the following resolution for its junior high/middle and senior high schools. This resolution must be formally ratified by your Board of Education/Governing Body and properly signed. Please return one signed copy for our files and retain one copy for your files. Resolutions that are modified in any way or are supplemented with letters placing additional conditions on MHSAA membership or tournament participation shall be rejected.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

For the year August 1, 2020 — through July 31, 2021

LIST ON BACK

_____ the School(s) which are under the direction of this Board of Education/Governing Body.

(Junior high/middle and senior high schools of your school system which are to be listed as MHSAA members and receive MHSAA mailings during 2020-21 must be listed on the back of this form)

Ypsilanti Community Schools city of Ypsilanti

County of Washtenaw, of State of Michigan, are hereby:

- (A) enrolled as members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., a nonprofit association, and
(B) are further enrolled to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by said association.

The Board of Education/Governing Body hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of said association and adopts as its own the rules, regulations and interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current HANDBOOK as the governing code under which the said school(s) shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules.

This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2020 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2021, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

RECORD OF ADOPTION

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Education/Governing Body of the

Ypsilanti Community Schools School(s), on the 8th day of June, 2020, and is so recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the said Board/Governing Body.

Board of Education

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Sharon Lee

Board Secretary Signature
or Designee

Check If Designee

Schools Which Are To Be MHSAA Members During 2020-21

NOTE: Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution, all high schools, junior high/middle schools, or other schools of Michigan doing a grade of work corresponding to such schools, may become members of this organization provided (a) the school building has enrollment and on-site attendance of at least 15 students, whether for grades 6 through 8 or 9, grades 7 through 8 or 9, or grades 9 or 10 through 12; and (b) if a nonpublic school, the school qualifies for federal income tax exemption as a not-for-profit organization. To reach the 15-student minimum for middle school membership, schools may join the MHSAA at the 6th-grade level whether or not 6th-grade students participate in athletics.

- A. This Section does not require school districts to become member schools at the junior high/middle school level and does not require school districts to sponsor any interscholastic athletics for 6th-grade students.
- B. If a school district's MHSAA Membership Resolution lists a junior high/middle school as an MHSAA member school, and if the school sponsors a 6th-grade team in any sport or permits a 6th-grade student to participate with 7th- and/or 8th-grade students in any sport, then all of Regulations III and IV apply to all 6th-graders in all sports involving 6th-graders on teams sponsored by that school. If the school does not allow any 6th-graders to participate in a sport, MHSAA rules do not apply in that sport.

Name the Member High School(s)

List separately from JH/MS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. Ypsilanti Community High School
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

If necessary, list additional schools for either column on a separate sheet.

Name the Member Junior High /Middle School(s)

(member 6th, 7th and 8th-grade buildings)

List separately from HS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. Ypsilanti Community Middle School
 Name of Member School
 Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): 6-8
 Provide anticipated 2020-21 7th and 8th-grade enrollment 450
 Provide anticipated 2020-21 6th-grade enrollment 290
 1. Yes or No (circle one) 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, complete No. 2.
 2. Yes or No (circle one) If 6th-graders are participating & not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders to the Membership Resolution.
2. _____
 Name of Member School
 Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
 Provide anticipated 2020-21 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
 Provide anticipated 2020-21 6th-grade enrollment _____
 1. Yes or No (circle one) 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, complete No. 2.
 2. Yes or No (circle one) If 6th-graders are participating & not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders to the Membership Resolution.
3. _____
 Name of Member School
 Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
 Provide anticipated 2020-21 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
 Provide anticipated 2020-21 6th-grade enrollment _____
 1. Yes or No (circle one) 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, complete No. 2.
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