

## **REGULAR MEETING (Monday, July 11, 2022)**

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### **Members present**

Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

### **Members absent**

Meredith Schindler

### **Meeting called to order at 6:34 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 AMENDED AGENDA

Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the amended agenda, as presented.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognition: A. Teacher of the Year 2022 - Lauren Fardig-Diop

The LaFontaine Teacher of the Year Program recognizes the great contribution teachers make in Washtenaw County and to the learning community. This award recognizes and honors teacher excellence. It does not attempt to select the "best" teacher; rather, to identify, from among many outstanding teachers, one teacher to serve as a visible and vocal representative of what is best in the profession. The LaFontaine Family wishes to honor the amazing teachers within Washtenaw County and recognize them for their hard work and efforts they put in every single school year.

YCS would like to give a huge congratulations to Lauren Fardig-Diop for being awarded the La Fontaine Teacher of the Year Award!

Ms. Fardig-Diop is an exceptional teacher who cares, loves, and supports her students and co workers in the district. We are so grateful to have her here at YCS!

Congratulations, Ms. Fardig-Diop!

Recognition: B. Michigan School Business Officials Business Office Manager Certification - Barbara Boone

Barbara Boone has met the requirements for certification under the Michigan School Business Officials Voluntary Certification Program and has earned the Business Office Manager certification. This award reflects a high degree of academic and professional preparation established by the MSBO Board of Directors through their Professional Development Committee.

We are celebrating Ms. Boone's accomplishment.

Congratulations, Ms. Boone!

Recognition: C. Michigan School Business Officials Certified Transportation Director Certification - Kimberly Searcy

Kimberly Searcy has met the requirements for certification under the Michigan School Business Officials Voluntary Certification Program and has earned the Certified Transportation Director certification. This award reflects a high degree of academic and professional preparation established by the MSBO Board of Directors through their Professional Development Committee.

We are celebrating Ms. Searcy's accomplishment.

Congratulations, Ms. Searcy!

Recognition: D. Recognition of 2021-2022 Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award of high distinction and the only award given by the Michigan Department of Education. The Seal of Biliteracy is a seal that is affixed to a student's high school diploma that validates the skill of bilingualism.

This is a tangible, verified, and valuable award that showcases the abilities that the recipient brings to a university, a place of employment, and their community. This global skill is highly sought after by any future endeavor a student chooses. YCS is proud to be able to celebrate this accomplishment of our outstanding scholars.

**Student:** Ibrahim Niangadou

**Seal of Biliteracy Language:** French

**Comments:** Ibrahim is from Mali, West Africa and arrived in the United States in 2021. He is multilingual and is receiving the seal for speaking French and English. Ibrahim will be starting college in the fall.

**Student:** Abd-Rahman Niangadou

**Seal of Biliteracy Language:** French

**Comments:** Abd-Rahman is from Mali, West Africa and arrived in the United States in 2021. He is multilingual and is receiving the seal for speaking French and English. In addition, he was the 2022 Salutatorian for ACTech. Abd-Rahman will be starting college in the fall.

**Student:** Nixon Archaga Alvarez

**Seal of Biliteracy Language:** Spanish

**Comments:** Nixon is from Honduras and arrived in the United States in 2021. He is receiving the seal for speaking Spanish and English. Nixon will be working in the fall.

**Student:** Ciclaly Melissa Ruano-Orellano

**Seal of Biliteracy Language:** Spanish

**Comments:** Melissa was born in the United States but spent most of her youth in Guatemala. She arrived at Ypsilanti Community Schools in 2019. She is receiving the seal for speaking Spanish and English. Melissa will work and attend Washtenaw Community College in the fall.

**Student:** Dorian Villareal-Torres

**Seal of Biliteracy Language:** Spanish

**Comments:** Dorian was born in Michigan but spent most of his youth in Mexico. He arrived at Ypsilanti Community Schools in 2020. He is receiving the seal for speaking Spanish and English. Dorian will work and attend Washtenaw Community College in the fall.

**Student:** Diego Mejia Estrada

**Seal of Biliteracy Language:** Spanish

**Comments:** Diego is from Honduras and arrived in the United States in 2019. He is receiving the seal for speaking Spanish and English. Diego will work and attend Washtenaw Community College in the fall.

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: A. World Languages/EL Update

The World Language and EL (English Learners) Team will share with the Board an update on the implementation and progress of World languages across the district.

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

Presentation: B. Clean School Bus Grant: Priya Nayak, Director of Business/Finance

Under Title XI: Clean School Buses and Ferries, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provides \$5 billion over five years (FY22-26) for the replacement of existing school buses with clean school buses and zero emission school buses. These new clean school bus replacements will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors. School bus upgrades funded under this program will result in cleaner air on the bus, in bus loading areas, and in the communities in which they operate. The first funding opportunity under this program will be the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates.

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

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1

Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment

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**Lefiest Galimore:** WEMI, helping students with post secondary education

**Roderick Casey:** Candidate for State Representative, discussed his candidacy and his agenda

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent), Minutes, Report: 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) June 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 6/29/22; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

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1) June 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

2) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 6/29/22; New Hires, Resignations, and Retirements.

Motion by Sharon Lee, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

## 8. ACTION ITEMS: Student Affairs

Action: A. Approval for Annual Instructional Material

Seeking Board approval of the continued implementation for the programs associated with the invoices; see attachments below.

1.) [Imagine Learning Quote](#). This purchase is district wide. Funded by the ESSR III Fund.

2.) [Illuminate Education Quote](#). This purchase is for the platform to store our common assessments. Funded by the ESSR II Fund.

3.) [Elevate K-12 Quote](#). This purchase is for YC2S. Funded by the ESSR III Fund.

4.) [NWEA Quote](#). This purchase is district wide. Funded by the General Fund.

5.) [Edmentum/Apex Learning Courses Quote](#). This purchase is for both Ypsilanti Community High School and our ACCE program. Funded by the At Risk 31A Fund.

6.) [HMH Professional Services Quote](#). This purchase is district wide for ELA teachers, principals, coaches, and YC2S online school training. Funded by the Title 2 Fund.

7.) **HMH Amira Assessment 3-Year Subscription Quote.** This purchase is for Tier 1, 2, and 3 interventions. Funded by the ESSR III Fund.

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

- 1) Imagine Learning Quote, #265237, for a purchase amount of \$129,400.
- 2) Illuminate Education Quote, #Q-137752, for a purchase amount of \$25,553.74.
- 3) Elevate K-12 Quote, for a purchase amount of \$101,800.
- 4) NWEA Quote, #00053959, for a purchase amount of \$38,525.
- 5) Edmentum/Apex Learning Courses Quote, #Q-436734, for a purchase amount of \$108,000.
- 6) HMH Professional Services Quote, #008421850, for a purchase amount of \$109,600.
- 7) HMH Amira Assessment 3-Year Subscription Quote, #008410052, for a purchase amount of \$45,873.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Gillian Ream Gainsley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: B. Acceptance of Educational Program Contracts

Roadmaps/Collablify.IT, Inc. provide a platform where our students in grades 3-5 will grow their self-regulatory skills as they dive deeply in meaningful tasks that are aligned to the priority standards and the HMH Curriculum. The platform will allow our students to have choice, voice, and student agency. The contract is in the amount of \$48,118.

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

Our contract with WISD Literacy Department will support Teacher Action Research that will support literacy strategies as well as culturally responsive practices through teacher action research. Melissa Brooks-Yip and Dr. Cathy Fleischer will work with 50-75 of our teachers as they grow their craft. The contract is in the amount of \$51,800.

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

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Educational Program Contracts as presented.

**Trustee Gainsley:** Are these related and if so, how?

**Dr. Lopez:** They are an expansion of the HMH curriculum to expand grades 3 - 5. The lessons have now been connected to the Gholdy Muhammad framework all in one place. Additional training.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

9. ACTION ITEM: Human Resources

Action: A. Approval of the Reid-Willis Company Contract, 2022/23

The presented contract is up for Board review. It is recommended the Reid-Willis Company contract be approved. The contract is attached below; for Board view only.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the Reid-Willis Company contract as presented.

Motion by Jeanice Townsend, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

10. ACTION ITEMS: Business and Finance

Action: A. Acceptance of the YMCA/EMU Room 107 and 110 Chapelle Lease

The YMCA/EMU Collaborative preschool program has secured a grant to expand their daycare capacity. The collaborative currently has 3 classroom spaces and one office at the Chapelle Business Center. Recently, we walked two spaces at Chapelle that they are interested in leasing. After presenting final numbers, the collaborative is interested in moving forward with the lease of both spaces. The two spaces are the former media center (2800 square foot) and the adjacent former computer lab. This is a win-win-win as YCS is able to lease additional space at the business center (85% of spaces leased), The collaborative is able to accommodate additional children and the community has additional options for daycare. It is our recommendation that YCS approve the lease of room 107 and 110 at the Chapelle Business Center, to the YMCA/EMU Collaborative per the presented lease agreement.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the YMCA/EMU Room 107 and 110 Chapelle Lease for 9-1-22 to 6-30-23.

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Jeanice Townsend.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: B. Acceptance of YCHS Pool Restoration Change Order from Honeywell

The YCS Facilities Department will be making a recommendation to the YCS Board of Education on July 11th to accept a change order from Honeywell for the Phase II project on the YCHS swimming pool. We have worked closely with Honeywell to navigate the RFP process and stay within budget. This \$1.3M project started to exceed the original budget as material and labor costs have been on the rise. After the first request for proposal (RFP) came back with some elevated material and labor costs exceeding the budget, Honeywell requested permission to invest in the engineering of the RFP to better inform the respondents. This revised RFP that reflected the engineering went out in February. The responses to this revised RFP still did not bring us into our budget range, therefore, Honeywell and YCS took another approach. Honeywell afforded us the opportunity to pass some of the scope directly through YCS, removing any markup and added costs resulting from passing through Honeywell. As a result, the scope was reduced

and a net savings of approximately \$200,000 was realized. The only scope of work that was taken out of the Honeywell RFP and will be handled directly through YCS will be the ceiling work (tiles, lights and HVAC diffusers). Honeywell has been a great contractor throughout their performance contract and this is another example of how they position us for success and support us in the process.

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

.... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the change order from Honeywell in the amount of \$1,345,800 for the phase II portion of the YCHS pool restoration.

**Mr. Rose:** Explanation of the change order, the timeline for the pool, the updates and how Honeywell has helped work with our budget and cut it back a little.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: C. Acceptance of the Resolution to Add the Additional 3 mills to Cover the Headlee Rollback for the November 2022 Election Board approval is being sought to add the additional 3 mills to cover the Headlee rollback for the November 2022 election.

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept, as presented, the resolution to add the additional 3 mils to cover the Headlee rollback for the November 2022 election.

**Ms. Nayak:** Explanation of the extra 3 mil request, it does not mean that the tax payers have to pay more.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Yvonne Fields.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Sharon Lee, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Action: D. Acceptance of AAATA 2022 Mileage

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

...MOVE THAT the Board of Education support the resolution of the Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority 2022 Mileage on the August 2022 ballot.

**Trustee Gainsley:** AAATA has a mileage on the August ballot for Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Ypsilanti Township. Expanding routes and services. A renovation of the Ypsilanti Transit Center, it would actually be manned. No fee increases. Based on property value, if you have property worth more then you will pay more. This proposal covers all three entities. It is being used for services covering the entire area. Equity written into the goals. Tax increase: property values - Ypsilanti resident - \$104 per year, Ypsilanti Township resident - \$181 per year, Ann Arbor resident - \$450 per year

Motion by Gillian Ream Gainsley, second by Maria Goodrich.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Gillian Ream Gainsley, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend

Nay: Sharon Lee

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2

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**Jesse Miller:** On the AAATA board, not representing the board but as a person who rides the bus. We are looking for transformational change. These expanded routes will give people options they don't have right now. Thank you for your support.

**Amanda Smith:** Thank you for passing the AAATA resolution. This resolution is in line with everything this board stands for.

## 12. DISCUSSION

Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports

No subcommittee reports.

## 13. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

**Trustee Goodrich:** The MASB Annual Leadership Conference is coming up in October. I enjoyed last year's and look forward to this year's.

**Dr. Zachery-Ross:** Looking forward to Board Retreat this July 13 - 14. Most will be attending. There is a data portion and a learning opportunity at Greenfield Village. We are welcoming our newest staff (Sean Fisher and Kacey Corbin), shifting offices to make room - all part of the SEEK grant. We are using the money appropriately according to the US Dept. of Ed. They expect certain things to happen to make sure we have the support for the grant to work. Thank you to all who helped out with Boots on the Ground, especially our partners - EMU, Motor City Sweet Treats, WCC, Ypsilanti District Library, etc. Celebrating community and belonging. Jazz in the Parking Lot on July 22, Kindergarten Round-ups in August at Perry and Ford, the F.A.C.E. Conference followed by the Back-to-School Bash for a whole day of fun. Students are back to school on August 29th. We are building that community and growing our own to fill hard-to-fill positions. Opening Day for staff is going to be so exciting. It's going to be outside and do a family reunion type style celebration. We are going to really welcome our staff back. We are ready to do the work. GLC is going well. Thank you to all the staff that is working this summer to help with the extra services. The staff members are grateful for the support.

**Dr. Hawkins:** Thank you to everyone for setting the board retreat up. A huge thank you for the middle school program. Ms. Neal has done a tremendous job, so much energy, work, dedication, and commitment has gone into it.

**Vice President Lee:** Rain date for Jazz in the Parking Lot?

**Trustee Fields:** T-shirts for event?

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.