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**AMENDED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Monday, October 13, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President David Bates at 7:01 p.m. in Room 138 of Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

Trustee Bates, Trustee Berman, Trustee Brumfield, Trustee Fanta, Trustee Jackson, Trustee Snedacar-Horne

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Devaney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Corey Hall and Hailey Waite, Chapelle Community School fifth graders, led the Board of Education and audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Hawkins introduced Chris Neely, Vice-President of the National Society of Black Engineers at the University of Michigan. The Superintendent commended Mr. Neely for his organization's work with Ypsilanti High School students and his role as the TORCH Program Coordinator. A certificate of recognition was presented to Mr. Neely and President Bates noted the program was significant and important in student's lives.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

President Bates requested that discussion of the October 20 Public Forum be placed on the agenda under X. Board Study/Discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Kelly Powers, Ypsilanti Education Association President, stated the YEA has concerns about the Drop Back In Program because the teachers are not union members. She announced the PR Committee was planning another "Busload of Hope" food drive with a

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challenge from the Brighton School District. Ms. Powers also said there is the possibility of a “Busload of Books” initiative for March is Reading Month.

Amy Doyle, representing West Middle School and Ypsilanti High School parent-teacher organizations, reported West Middle School is participating in a “Walk to Washington” program which is part of the Healthy Schools initiative. She also stated after school opportunities have increased at West Middle School. Mrs. Doyle said YHS teacher Artemis Alex will be the speaker at the YHS PTSO Meeting next week and will talk about how students can be more involved in extra curricular activities. She also reported Gretchen Reist, Director of Technology, has been invited to speak at future meetings at WMS and YHS.

Dr. Hawkins introduced the Board of Education YHS Student Liaisons for 2008-2009: Samuel Egbert, 12th grade, who is serving for a second year and Rachael Dozier, 11th grade, who is beginning her service this year. Sam reported Homecoming Weekend at YHS was a success with a win over Romulus in football and a well attended dance on Saturday night.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Hawkins announced the following donations were received in September: \$2161.00 from the Washtenaw Home Builders Association, an HP inkjet printer from Tony Comazzi, two computers, a monitor, a printer, a scanner and miscellaneous parts and software from John Fulton, a computer, printer and miscellaneous parts from Ann Schmidt. The Superintendent stated these generous donations will be acknowledged with a letter.

PRESENTATIONS

Paul Wills, Plante Moran CRESA, provided a Bond Status report on Phase I completion. He introduced Bill Craig, Convergent Technologies, who provided a Phase I Technology Update. The following topics were covered in the technology presentation: technology equipment implementation (apple laptops for teachers, desktops for students), new classroom sound systems at Estabrook and Perry CDC, PA modifications at Estabrook and Perry, PowerSchool deployment, storage system to archive work, and wireless connectivity at YHS.

Mr. Wills reviewed Phase I objectives at Perry CDC and Estabrook: updated electrical systems, updated interior areas, flooring replacement, new HVAC systems, technology integration and pool area and ADA upgrades at Estabrook. He also summarized Phase I objectives at Ypsilanti High School: upgrade interior areas, electrical system upgrade for technology, technology integration, new HVAC system, pool area, exterior lighting, Shadford field and facility improvements.

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Mr. Wills also reviewed the Phase I schedule and commended teachers and maintenance staff for their efforts to prepare buildings to open on time on September 4. He also noted that Phase I is 5% under budget.

In conclusion, Mr. Wills said Phase II scope reconciliation is taking place with the principals of the affected schools. He will provide a Phase II presentation to the Board of Education in December.

Topics Included: steps being taken with the Phase II construction schedule to improve the timing of the end of the project, PowerSchool training.

Drop Back In Program

Dr. Hawkins reported the Drop Back In Program that is administered by Alternatives Unlimited has opened one location at Shiloh Church of God in Christ on Jefferson Avenue with plans to open a second site when numbers increase. He said the program currently has 50 students enrolled who are taught by two certified teachers. Dr. Hawkins said the program director has a goal of 150 students enrolled by February 2009.

Topics Included: insurance for the program and plans to visit the facility.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Berman, supported by Trustee Horne:

08-09
8977 That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 Regular Meeting, the minutes of the September 27, 2008 Special Meeting, the hiring of Christopher Bennett and Patrick Wickerling, the resignation of William Eric Graves and the monthly bills payable for August 2008 in the amount of \$5,563,905.27. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

Approval of Realtor to Market Ardis School

A motion was made by Trustee Fanta, supported by Trustee Jackson:

08-09
8978 That Swisher Commercial is approved as the listing agent for marketing the Ardis School property. And also that administration is authorized to execute necessary documents relating to this agreement on behalf of the Board of Education. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Horne/Yes; Trustee Jackson/Yes; Trustee Brumfield/Yes; Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Bates/Yes; Trustee Berman/Yes.

Topics Included: a marketing plan presentation was expected, a timeframe for the listing, more information will be provided after the listing agreement has been signed.

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Adoption of Board Meeting Ground Rules

A motion was made by Trustee Fanta, supported by Trustee Jackson:

08-09 That the Board of Education adopt the ~~attaching~~ attached Meeting Practices for Amended
8979 general Board and Board Committee Meetings for the ~~2008-2009 school year~~. 10-27-08
And further, that these practices be referred to the Policy Committee for inclusion
in the Board Policy Notebook. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

YHS Pool Timing Equipment Purchase

A motion was made by Trustee Brumfield, supported by Trustee Horne:

08-09 That the Board of Education approve the purchase of pool timing equipment from
8980 Daktronics for a total of \$29,410.00. This cost will be charged to the 2007
Building and Site Fund. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Trustee
Berman/Yes; Trustee Bates/Yes; Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Jackson/Yes; Trustee
Horne/Yes; Trustee Brumfield/Yes.

Topics Included: feedback obtained from staff and community members, the bid process, reference check of vendors, warranty and training.

1998 Building and Site Bond Refunding

A motion was made by Trustee Horne, supported by Trustee Brumfield:

08-09 That the Board of Education adopt the resolution drafted by Clark Hill, PLC for
8981 refunding the 1998 Building and Site bonds. And also that administration is
authorized to secure necessary signatures relating to execution of legal documents
on behalf of the Board of Education. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:
Trustee Brumfield/Yes; Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Horne/Yes; Trustee
Berman/Yes; Trustee Jackson/Yes; Trustee Bates/Yes.

BOARD STUDY/DISCUSSION

President Bates led the Board discussion regarding the format for the agenda for the Public Forum to be held on Monday, October 20. Topics included: providing a history of school finance, implications of consolidation of districts, lobbying and holding a rally in Lansing, realistic plans for the 2009-2010 budget, informing the public of the current status of district finances, a county-wide enhancement millage, two districts have contacted the Superintendent who are in similar financial circumstances, providing ample time for public input, attending the Legislative Breakfast on October 20.

PUBLIC INPUT

Topics Included: parents need access to PowerSchool now, there are problems with PowerSchool implementation and issues with bond construction and how it affects staff, the public forum format and public participation.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Hawkins announced that Ypsilanti High School is one of three Michigan schools celebrating 100 years of continuous accreditation with the North Central Association. He said the organization will honor all three schools at their November 7 Fall Conference.

The Superintendent reported that October 13-17 is National School Lunch Week and said he planned to send a note of congratulations to the Food Service Department.

BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Trustee Fanta requested goals from the Superintendent. He also suggested developing packing and unpacking protocol for future bond construction with YEA and YSSA input. Trustee Fanta commended Ypsilanti High School students for their behavior while participating in Homecoming activities. **Trustee Horne** reported she had attended the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner and the speaker, Reginald Weaver, was excellent and motivational. She also announced the Jack & Jill Beau-Deb Ball Committee was accepting applications. In conclusion she said she attended the Homecoming game and dance was impressed by student behavior at those functions. **Trustee Brumfield** asked if there are enough trainers for PowerSchool. **Trustee Bates** announced Trustee Sarah Devaney had delivered her baby, Henry James on October 10 and was doing well. He also said he had spoken to Mr. Banasik at MASB and the district does have standing to sue the state.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Allen, Secretary
Ypsilanti Board of Education