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

Monday, August 11, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President David Bates at 7:08 p.m. in Room 138 of Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABSENT

Trustee Birman (out of town)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

There were no agenda adjustments

PUBLIC INPUT

Topics Included: a parental request for follow up on an incident at East Middle School that the parent brought to the Board's attention in June.

Board Response: Board members indicated they had responded to the parent by e-mail, the issue of parental contact after a fight will be taken to the Policy Committee.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

There were no Association Reports

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

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

08-09 That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008
8961 Organizational Meeting, the minutes of the July 21, 2008 Regular Meeting, the minutes of the August 4, 2008 Special Meeting, the hiring of Frank Garcia, Kim Myers and Debra Wyatt, the resignation of Kelly Laine and Lindsey Doutt, and the retirement of Sue Larsen. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

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Approval of Drop Back In Program Contract

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

That the Board of Education approve the attached contract with Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. to provide a “Drop Back In Academy” for eligible Ypsilanti Public Schools students.

After Board discussion the motion was amended to read:

08-09
8962 That the Board of Education approve the attached contract with Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. to provide a “Drop Back In Academy” for eligible Ypsilanti Public Schools students and that the language highlighted in paragraph two, page nine will be modified to comport with Board discussion of that item. Action Recorded: 6/Yes; 0/No.

Topics Included: Superintendent Hawkins provided an overview of the Drop Back In Program for the Board of Education. J. Vincent Brown, Executive Vice-President of Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. answered Board questions on the following topics: childcare, marketing, social services for students, staffing, curriculum, AYP, MME, funding, textbooks, and the program opening date.

Certification of Delegates for MASB’s 2008 Delegate Assembly

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

08-09
8963 That the Board of Education select three voting delegates: Andy Fanta, Floyd Brumfield and Linda Horne and threr alternates: David Bates, Kira Berman and Edward Jackson to represent the Ypsilanti Board of Education at the 2008 MASB Delegate Assembly to be held October 30, 2008 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, Michigan. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

2008 MASB Board of Directors Election

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

08-09
8964 That the Board of Education elect Glenn Nelson to serve a three year term representing Region 7 on the Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

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Approval of Adult Education Resolution

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

08-09 Be it hereby resolved that the School District of Ypsilanti will conduct an Adult
8965 Education Program for adults twenty years and older for the 2008-2009 school
year. Programs in operation are English as a Second Language, GED Preparation
– Distance/Online and High School Completion – Distance/Online. Action
Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

Approval of Hours of Instruction for 2008-2009

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

08-09 That the Board of Education approve the recommendation that administration of
8966 the district adopt a calendar of instruction for its schools that provides for not less
than 1098 hours of student instruction. Action Recorded: 6/Yes;0/No.

National School Boards Association Affiliation

President Bates noted that the Ypsilanti Board of Education has not been a member of the National School Boards Association for the past two years due to budget constraints. He stated the annual membership fee for 2008-2009 would be \$2600. He asked for input from Board members and the following topics were discussed: could support membership if economic conditions were different, a recommendation to take CBA classes from the Michigan Association of School Boards and become a “Certified Board” in lieu of national membership, the NSBA provides lobbyists in Washington, the cost of attending the NSBA Conference as a non-member.

BOARD STUDY/DISCUSSION

President Bates said the Board of Education would work as a committee of the whole as they discussed the American School Board Journal article on Superintendent Evaluation. Trustee Fanta suggested this topic be discussed at the Board Retreat on September 27. He also stated the Board should work on the evaluation mechanism prior to the interview process for a new Superintendent. Trustee Fanta also suggested using the current Superintendent evaluation format with the revision of some of the goals for Dr. Hawkins’ evaluation for this school year. He said he had recently taken CBA classes on Superintendent Evaluation and selection and would provide materials to Board members for the retreat. Other Board members agreed saying they would like to discuss these topics at the Board Retreat in September.

President Bates asked if Board members had additional Board goals to submit for 2008-2009. He said the Board would also discuss this topic on August 25. Trustee Fanta suggested the following language be modified: change “adopt new mission and vision” to “review new mission and vision”. He also suggested discussing items on the goal list to see how they fit with Board Policy and if there is not a Board Policy on the goal he would like to defer the matter to the Policy Committee.

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President Bates said he had provided Policy 1210, Board-Superintendent Relationship, for the Board's information. Trustee Fanta said he would like to add "expect a weekly update" to this policy for the future superintendent. President Bates said he would refer this policy to the Policy Committee.

President Bates said the Board stated they wanted to address the Superintendent Evaluation process at the beginning of the year. He asked if Board members wished to develop a new instrument at the retreat or sooner. Board members asked that the President place this on the retreat agenda for September 27.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Secretary reminded Board members that if they are participating in the Heritage Festival Parade they need to line up at 9:30 a.m. on Michigan Avenue and they are #19 in the parade.

BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Trustee Devaney reported she had attended the recent CFG Training in her role as a WISD employee. She said she was impressed by the Ypsilanti Public Schools' involvement and leadership. She also stated that Superintendent Hawkins visited two times which was noted by attendees, and how his support of the initiative is important. **Vice-President Horne** said she and Trustees Fanta and Jackson had attended the MASB "Leadership for Achievement" Conference in Mt. Pleasant last week and she will share information received at the event with other Board members. **Trustee Fanta** said he would like to receive Senior Exit Surveys from 2002 to the present from the WISD as soon as possible. He also said this would be a possible retreat agenda item. **Trustee Devaney** said she would start this process at the WISD and contact the Superintendent for his signature on the release form. **Trustee Fanta** also requested a report on the number of students who begin the year as seniors and the final number who graduate for the past 10 years. Bob Wilkinson said we had the information readily available for 6 years but not 10. Trustee Fanta said he would change his request to six years of data. **Trustee Fanta** requested MME results, specifically ACT results, Work Keys, the wrap around portion of non-ACT items and the percentage of students at levels 1, 2, 3 and 4. **Trustee Jackson** said he enjoyed the recent "Leadership for Achievement" Conference and attended wonderful sessions where he met other school board members. He also said he was thankful he was serving with a school board that works cooperatively.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Allen, Secretary
Ypsilanti Board of Education