REGULAR MEETING (Monday, September 14, 2026)

Members present
Dr Celeste Hawkins, Yvonne Hall, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

Members absent
Sharon Lee

Meeting called to order at 6:38 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 AGENDA
Action: A. Acceptance of Agenda
... MOVE THAT the Board of Education accept the agenda, as presented.

Motion by Yvonne Hall, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Yvonne Hall, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

4. ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION
Recognition: A. Ypsilanti Community Middle School Points of Pride
The YCS Board of Education is excited to share wonderful things that are happening in our schools through their points of pride. Today's school is Ypsilanti Community Middle School.
Click here to view the presentation.
Principal Davis presented and lots of staff were in attendance. November 11th is the YCMS Career Day.

Recognition: B. Distinguished Modern Classroom Educator
We are proud to announce that we have officially certified Cantrese Reeves as a Distinguished Modern Classroom Educator! Distinguished Modern Classroom Educators like Cantrese know how to meet their students' needs through blended, self-paced, mastery-based instruction. They plan effective learning experiences for each student they serve, and we are confident that they can use researched-backed instructional model to meet every student's needs.
We congratulate Cantrese on this achievement and look forward to hearing great things ahead!
Cantrese Reeves attended. This journey transformed the way I think about teaching. I'm excited to create opportunities where scholars can thrive.

5. PRESENTATIONS
Presentation: A. Grizzly Learning Camp Presentation
Project Manager, Dr. Mark Coscarella, and staff will provide the school board a summary overview of the 2025-26 Summer Grizzly Learning Camp.
Click here to view the presentation.
Dr. Coscarella presented.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS #1
Information: A. Guidelines for Public Comment
Public Comment Protocol | Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 0167.3
*The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express their view.
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Emily Carroll - daughter with cosmetology/lack of communication
Steven B. Keranen - PD hours
Charlotte Tillerson and Amanda Mealing - NEA visit, appreciation/shared activities

7. AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA
Action (Consent), Minutes, Report: A. Amended 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) August 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2) August 13, 2026, Special Board Workshop Minutes 3) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 9/9/26; New Hires, Resignations and Terminations.

... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the:
1) August 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2) August 13, 2026, Special Board Workshop Minutes
3) Personnel matters as per the presented list dated 9/9/26; New Hires, Resignations and Terminations.

Motion by Maria Goodrich, second by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

8. ACTION ITEM: Thrun Policy Adoption
Action: A. Adoption of the Thrun Policy Manual Except Policy 5207
Seeking the Board of Education approval to approve the Supersede/Replace Resolution for Thrun Policy Manual Resolution, as presented.
Click here to view the resolution.
Dr. Hawkins read the resolution.
...MOVE THAT the board of education adopt the Thrun Policy Manual Except Policy 5207.

Motion by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, second by Maria Goodrich.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

9. ACTION ITEM: Other
Action: A. MASB Delegate Election
The Board of Education will vote on it's delegate and alternate to MASB's 2026 Delegate Assembly which will begin Thursday, October 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, MI. Delegates selected by boards of education across the state will decide MASB's positions on a wide variety of issues affecting education.
... MOVE THAT the Board of Education approve the MASB Delegate Election.

Motion by Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, second by Jeanice Townsend.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Aye: Dr Celeste Hawkins, Yvonne Fields, Maria Goodrich, Jeanice Townsend, Talisha Sutton-Kennedy, Dawn Espy

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS #2
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Jeremy Haley - Is putting kids in school used for day care?

11. DISCUSSIONS
Discussion: A. Board of Education Subcommittee Reports
Trustee Goodrich: Sincerely thank everyone works so diligently to get our policies updated, especially the administration and the subcommittee members. Thank you to the Thrun team for all your help. A special shout out to Trustee Sutton-Kennedy to her attention to detail.
Trustee Hall: The Community Relations Subcommittee met on August 10th. Lambert made some suggestions on how to get the community involved so people can find out what the school board is about and what we do and don't do. Talked about the bus advertising campaign. We have a lot of branding going on so people can recognize us.
Trustee Sutton-Kennedy: Legislative Breakfast on September 28th at 7:30 a.m.
Trustee Townsend: Financial and Operational Planning Subcommittee met. Saw the changes at Holmes STEAM and cosmetology at the YCHS. We have a new food service company. Yeo and Yeo is going to be in the district doing the audit. We look good as a district. Kudos to Mrs. Boone and Mr. Burchwell.
Dr. Hawkins: Thank you, Trustee Goodrich, for all your work on the policies. It took awhile but now we can celebrate.

12. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
Trustee Hall: I'm excited we have a barbering program. My grandson says lunch is much better. The billboards are up.
Trustee Goodrich: Thank you to Trustee Hall, Jason Sprague, and KJ Pedri for filing to run for the Board of Education.
Trustee Townsend: Lost a Willow Run teacher and counselor, Mrs. Gloria Jean Calloway. She had 34 years with the Willow Run school district, very well respected, an excellent teacher.
Dr. Hawkins: The presentation at the high school with Verizon was great. Thank you for the Digital Promise presentation and the partnership. Opening Day went well. Thank you to the staff, students, community, and families.
Dr. Zachery-Ross: Thank you for the policy work and passing the resolution. Opening day was wonderful and because of the union working with district, that is how the visit with the new union president, Princess Moss came about. A public thank you for Charlotte Tillerson, Rhoshawda Miller, Amanda Mealing for writing and getting the grant. The YCS staff conference went well,

plenty of collaboration for that event. Cosmetology and barbering have not been held up because the space is not completely finished and signed off on. We are excited about SFE, our new food service company. The president of the largest union in the nation visited our school and that was a true honor. YCHS and ACCE are both Verizon Innovation Learning Schools, with that comes tools, Professional Development, coaches. We have to prepare our scholars for the digital world and for them to take care of the world. Thank you to the educators for stepping up to the plate. Lots of Open Houses still happening. There's a home football game on Friday. The CEO of the Magnet Schools of America is coming for a visit on September 22nd. When we get certified, we will be the only certified Magnet school on Michigan. September 25th is the Homecoming Game and there will be tailgating and the dance is the next day. September 26th we are partnering with EMU for "Extra Yards of Teachers" when they will honor one of our teachers from YIES. Thank you for attending events and all your support.
Trustee Townsend: A shout out to the varsity football team as they are 2 and 1.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

