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

**Monday, June 23, 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 Brumfield, Trustee Devaney, Trustee Fanta, Trustee Reiber, Trustee Snedacar-Horne, Trustee Temple

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

There were no agenda adjustments.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Topics Included: concerns were raised regarding the extension of administrator contracts because the jobs were not posted and the union does not support the use of outside contractors.

Board Response: contracted administrators have provided significant savings to the district and have the benefit of providing experience and knowledge.

**ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

Kelly Powers, YEA President, said administrator contracts only save the district money on retirement costs because health care only costs the district money if you use it. Ms. Powers said she is excited about the upcoming Door to Door campaign scheduled for July 22 and also said the union will once again enter a float in the Heritage Festival Parade. In conclusion, she thanked outgoing Board members for their service to the district.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Dr. Hawkins acknowledged the donation of \$50 to the Forest School program from Meijers for the purchase of t-shirts for a school art project. He said Principal Brenda Clough had already extended thanks to the donor.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Consent Agenda

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

07-08  
8928 That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008 Regular Meeting, the minutes of the June 16, 2008 Special Meeting, the retirement of Jackie Flores, the reinstatement of student #864617 and #810356 and the monthly bills payable for May 2008 in the amount of \$7,247,569.11. Action Recorded: 7/Yes;0/No.

State Aid Cash Flow Borrowing

**A motion was made by Trustee Fanta, supported by Trustee Brumfield:**

07-08  
8929 That the Board of Education adopt the Issuance of Notes in Anticipation of State School Aid Resolution as prepared by Thrun Law Firm which enables the district to participate in the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority State Aid Note Loan Program August Series 2008A and secure a loan in the amount of \$5,500,000 for cash flow purposes. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Horne/Yes; Trustee Reiber/Yes; Trustee Brumfield/Yes; Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Bates/Yes; Trustee Devaney/Yes; Trustee Temple/Yes.

Approval to Renew Chartwells School Dining Services for Food Service Management for the 2008-2009 School Year.

**A motion was made by Trustee Temple, supported by Trustee Devaney:**

07-08  
8930 That the Board of Education approve the amendment to the Chartwells School Dining Services agreement for the 2008-2009 school year and that the costs be charged to the Food Service Fund. And also that administration be authorized to execute necessary documents relating to the renewal of this contract on behalf of the Board of Education. Action Recorded: 7/Yes;0/No.

Approval of Board of Education Policy 7540 – Computer Technology and Networks – Second Read

**A motion was made by Trustee Brumfield, supported by Trustee Reiber:**

07-08  
8931 That the Board of Education approve Policy 7540 – Computer Technology and Networks. Action Recorded: 7/Yes;0/No.

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Approval of Extension of Independent Contractor Services

**A motion was made by Trustee Fanta, supported by Trustee Horne:**

07-08 That the Board of Education extend the independent contractor services contract  
8932 for Jonathan Brown, John Fulton, Ruth Jordan and Pat DeRossett for 2008-2010  
and for Bob Wilkinson for 2008-2009 and that the Board of Education authorize  
the Superintendent to execute the necessary contracts and to monitor compliance  
in accordance with their provisions. Action Recorded: 7/Yes;0/No.

Topics Included: a reference to remarks made earlier in the meeting, each contract has a 45 days notice clause, morally opposed but there is an approximate \$300,000 savings and other positions would have to be cut, planning for transition when contracts are up, this has been addressed with the administrator bargaining unit and these positions will revert back to the bargaining unit when contracts conclude, support for extension of the contracts.

Hiring of Transportation Supervisor

**A motion was made by Trustee Brumfield, supported by Trustee Temple:**

07-08 That Kimberly Searcy be hired as the Ypsilanti Public Schools Transportation  
8933 Supervisor beginning with the 2008-2009 school year and be issued a two (2) year  
non-union contract. Action recorded: 7/Yes;0/No.

Topics Included: was the salary negotiated, experience of the candidate and past history in the district, highly qualified candidate with a stellar record as a former employee, thrilled to welcome Ms. Searcy to district, the candidate is a hard worker, a tremendous talent, comes with an outstanding recommendation from former employer, Dr. Hawkins introduced Ms. Searcy.

Approval of Re-Bid Award for Perry CDC Roof

**A motion was made by Trustee Reiber, supported by Trustee Horne:**

07-08 That the Board of Education accept the bid from Bloom Roofing Systems for a  
8934 total of \$253,650.00. This cost will be charged to the 2007 Building and Site  
Fund. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Temple/Yes; Trustee  
Devaney/Yes; Trustee Bates/Yes; Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Reiber/Yes; Trustee  
Horne/Yes; Trustee Brumfield/Yes.

Approval of Phase I Bid Recommendation for Maintenance Equipment Replacement

**A motion was made by Trustee Fanta, supported by Trustee Temple:**

- 07-08 That the Board of Education accept the bid from Theiser Equipment Company to  
8935 purchase new maintenance equipment for a total of \$131,049.00 and purchase  
existing equipment for a total of \$9,775.00. This cost will be charged to the 2007  
Building and Site Fund. A roll call vote was recorded as follows: Trustee  
Brumfield/Yes; Trustee Devaney/Yes; Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Horne/Yes;  
Trustee Temple/Yes; Trustee Reiber/Yes; Trustee Bates/Yes.

Approval of Apple Computer Purchase

**A motion was made by Trustee Reiber, supported by Trustee Temple:**

- 07-08 That the Board of Education accept the bid from Apple Education in the amount  
8936 of \$1,067,167.49 for the purchase of student and staff computers. This cost will  
be charged to the 2007 Building and Site Fund. And further, that Administration  
is authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the Board of Education. A roll  
call vote was recorded as follows: Trustee Bates/Yes; Trustee Brumfield/Yes;  
Trustee Fanta/Yes; Trustee Devaney/Yes; Trustee Reiber/Yes; Trustee  
Temple/Yes; Trustee Horne/Yes.

**INFORMATION AND INQUIRY**

Senior Exit Survey

The Board of Education discussed the senior exit survey administered by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and whether it meets the needs of the district. The following topics were part of the discussion: establishing an ad hoc committee to review the current survey and develop new questions, asking “atmospheric” questions, the current survey seems to work well, who will write new questions and what information is being sought, what desired area is not covered in current survey, sixteen high schools use the current survey, the YHS Class of 2008 took the survey in May, how many 9<sup>th</sup> graders graduate, the last question on the survey provides qualitative data that is valuable, having a presentation by the WISD in the fall on the 2006, 2007 and 2008 data, providing surveys for staff, parents, and students, Trustees Devaney, Fanta, Horne and Jackson will serve on the ad hoc committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board of Education acknowledged a thank you note from Betty Williams for flowers sent for her husband’s memorial service.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Dr. Hawkins stated the district is having difficulty obtaining 10 years of data regarding 9<sup>th</sup> grade graduation numbers but will hopefully have information soon.

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The Superintendent recognized Trustee Tom Reiber for 12 years of service as a member of the Ypsilanti Public Schools Board of Education. He presented Trustee Reiber with a plaque honoring him for his outstanding leadership and contributions to the education of students.

Dr. Hawkins also honored Trustee Eric Temple for his one year term as a member of the Ypsilanti Public Schools Board of Education. He presented Trustee Temple with a certificate of recognition for his contribution to the education of students and his leadership qualities.

**BOARD REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

**Vice-President Horne** said the 9<sup>th</sup> grade information requested by Trustee Fanta covers a period of time with different administrators in charge. **Trustee Brumfield** stated he enjoyed working with Trustee Reiber and the Board was losing a dedicated trustee. He also said he respects Trustee Temple and knows how much he cares about students. Trustee Brumfield welcomed the new trustees to the Board. **Trustee Fanta** said it is important to have a historical picture of data. He also commended Trustee Reiber for his leadership of the Board during tough times and thanked him for his service. **Trustee Temple** said it is was a pleasure working with the Board of Education and said it had been a learning experience. He encouraged trustees to be a team and to keep students first while remembering the district's motto "strong from start to finish". **President Bates** thanked Trustee Temple for his service and said he appreciated his candor and perspective. He also thanked Trustee Reiber for serving the community with students in his heart.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Allen, Secretary  
Ypsilanti Board of Education