

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 3201 Roosevelt St., Hamtramck, MI 48212.

The meeting was called to order by President Srodek at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Absent: None

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Member Khan
Seconded by Member Lukas

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts and approves the Agenda, with any additions and deletions.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Kristen Rutkowski (added) (read by Mr. Hadwan)

Letter from Randy Liepa, WRESA Superintendent (read by Mr. Hadwan)

BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION

Mr. Major commented on the political climate since the election and the impact on the District and our students

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Member Lukas
Seconded by Member Hadwan

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the following items under the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes from:
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2016

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

Reports by Superintendent:

Kahmora Kennedy Recognition

Ms. Kennedy is a 9 year old student at Dickinson West Elementary who won the Grand Prize in the 2016 Detroit Children's Business Fair. She was recognized for her accomplishments and presented with a certificate.

OLD BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

General Fund
Board Report
January 18, 2017

Attached hereto is a listing of invoices and checks now due for supplies, materials, equipment or services delivered or rendered to the School District. These invoices and checks represent purchases made or services ordered upon approved resolutions of the Board of Education for the current fiscal year. Where required or when possible, competitive prices have been obtained prior to placing orders, and where quality specifications permitted, purchases were made or services obtained at the lowest price quoted.

Invoices examined and recommended for approval by the Board of Education.

Thomas Niczay
Superintendent of Schools

APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND CHECK REGISTER

Motion by Member Hadwan
Seconded by Member Khan

RESOLVED, that the Check Register for the period December 15, 2016 through January 18, 2017 as enclosed, be approved.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member Lukas
Seconded by Member Major

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the employment of **Roberta Jovanoska** as an ELL Teacher at Horizon High School, step 2 for a Bachelor's Degree, effective January 23, 2017.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member Khan
Seconded by Member Obaid

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the employment of **Layla Begum Hussain** as an ELL Teacher at Dickinson West Elementary School, step 2 for a Bachelor's Degree, effective January 17, 2017.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member Major
Seconded by Member Lukas

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the employment of **Mirjana Maros** as an ELL Teacher at Hamtramck High School, step 2 for a Master's Degree, effective January 24, 2017.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUEST

Motion by Member Obaid
Seconded by Member Chowdhury

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of Izabella Nychter, Student Advocate at Horizon High School, to attend the **MIEM Conference** to be held in Ann Arbor, MI February 15-16, 2017. Funding through General Fund.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Member Hadwan
Seconded by Member Major

RESOLVED, that any bylaw, policy or rule to the contrary notwithstanding, it shall take a majority vote of not less than two thirds of the seats of the Board of Education (for example, 5 out of 7 of a board comprised of 7 seats) and not just two thirds of the seats elected if all seats are not filled or of the members present or voting at any meeting of the board, to approve the addition to or the inclusion on an agenda for any Board meeting of any item pertaining to the authorization or operation of a public school academy on School District property or to approve the authorization or operation of a public school academy on School District property. It shall also require a majority vote of not less than two thirds of said seats, as aforesaid, to rescind this resolution. Be it further resolved that all bylaws, policies and rules are hereby amended in accordance with and consistent with this resolution.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Member Lukas
Seconded by Member Khan

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approves the fundraising efforts of P.L.A.V. Post 10 to pay for Kosciuszko School students to attend a tour of The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in the spring of 2017.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Member Major
Seconded by Member Obaid

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court held in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and the equal protection rights of the Fourteenth Amendment;

WHEREAS: Migration to this country is often propelled by social, economic, and political factors and native country conditions, which result partly from U.S. government and corporate policies and interests, and thus immigrants and their families are here entitled to compassionate and humane treatment in this country;

WHEREAS: Ensuring that our schools are safe and inviting for all students and their families will facilitate the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children in the District, and is paramount to students' ability to achieve;

WHEREAS: This safe and inviting environment would be disrupted by the presence of immigration agents who come onto District property for the purposes of removing students or their family members, or obtaining information about students and their families;

WHEREAS: Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") activities in and around schools, early education centers, and adult school facilities would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students;

WHEREAS: Immigration enforcement activities around schools create hardships and barriers to health and educational attainment, and a pervasive climate of fear, conflict and stress that affects all students in our District, regardless of their background or status, such that children who have a status but whose family members, friends, or schoolmates do not, and students who are themselves undocumented, are all affected and at risk;

WHEREAS: Threats of legal action, and particularly of separation and deportation, against students and their families create severe emotional, psychological and physical barriers to learning and education that can and should be allayed or reduced through support systems, including legal representation, provided by the school District;

WHEREAS: Students' ability to achieve is undermined by the removal of their family members during ICE raids and arrests that leave students without adults to supervise or care for them, and the District should have in place policies and procedures to protect and care for such students until a guardian or other designated adult is contacted, and all teachers, administrators and staff should be trained on such procedures;

WHEREAS: Immigration arrests, detentions, and deportations affects families every day, and indications that deportations will increase dramatically has created a climate of heightened fear and anxiety for many students and their families;

WHEREAS: The record number of deportations in recent years tragically has broken apart loving families, devastated communities, and caused widespread fear among immigrants and their family members;

WHEREAS: Involving campus police in enforcing federal civil immigration law will create the perception that they are immigration agents and decrease students' likelihood of cooperating with campus police based on fears that this would lead to their deportation or the deportation of family members;

WHEREAS: Some cities, counties, school districts, and higher education institutions have adopted policies that restrict entanglement with ICE and resist any government action that may lead to the discovery of a person's immigration status;

WHEREAS: ICE's longstanding policy states that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes schools, without special permission by specific federal law enforcement officials, unless exigent circumstances exist;

WHEREAS: No written state or federal law mandates that local districts assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Governing Board of the Hamtramck School District hereby declares that every Hamtramck School District site is a safe place for its students and their families to seek help, assistance, and information if faced with fear and anxiety about immigration enforcement efforts;

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Board encourages the Superintendent to increase and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations and legal services organizations who provide resources for families facing deportation.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Michelle Cook – HFT President commented on the resolution that the Board adopted regarding our immigrant families.

Mr. George Butler reminded the Board that he would be available to work with them on making sure Bylaws and Policies were in line with recently adopted resolutions.

Ms. Srodek also acknowledged the hard work of the AP Teachers at the High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Khan
Seconded by Member Hadwan

RESOLVED, that the Meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: Members Srodek, Major, Lukas, Hadwan, Khan, Chowdhury and Obaid

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Salah Hadwan, Secretary

Approved:

Magdalena Srodek, President