



CALL TO ORDER

7:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Baskett led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Present – Trustees Baskett, Cross (President), Friedman (Treasurer - arrived at 7:20 pm), Gates-Bryant, Mexicotte, Nelson (Secretary), Patalan

Present from Administration – Margolis, Dickinson-Kelley, Allen,

INTRODUCTION OF NON-VOTING MEMBER AT THE TABLE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved by consent.

Kitt Flynn and Gail Grady presented student slide show depicting the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Larry Dishman presented the Hikone delegation. Students spoke of experiences during their trip to Hikone.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

Crisis Response Protocol

Mike Madison, Naomi Zikmund-Fisher and Liz Margolis presented the Crisis Response Protocol. Teams have been trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) and designated to respond during emergencies in our district. Funding for training and resources have been provided through the Readiness Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant.

All Day Kindergarten

Lee Ann Dickinson-Kelley presented a feasibility summary of district-wide All Day Kindergarten. Many benefits exist to offering All Day Kindergarten including educational, social, and potential increase in enrollment. The cost to run the program is estimated just over \$1 million. If legislation passes to require school districts to provide All Day Kindergarten and the district chooses not to, the potential loss of revenue could be upwards of \$3 million. Next steps will include information sessions and community survey.

REPORTS

▪ **Youth Senate**

- Presented first quarterly issue of “VOICES” newsletter, detailing opportunities, committees and projects available to students.

- Youth Empower Project is offering Advanced Leader Training sessions. A “Teamwork” session will take place Feb. 16; and “Reading Nonprofit Financial Reports” is scheduled for Feb 21.
- Pioneer Theatre Guild premiered “On the Verge”. Performances of “Beauty and the Beast” placed 2nd in the state, and “The Precious Maidens” and “The Elephant Man” received 4th place honors.
- Pioneer Symphony Orchestra and Band will perform Feb. 13.
- Huron High School is offering a new study hall program.
- Experiences of a foreign exchange student, Fatma Younis from Egypt, were shared.
- Highlighted Mr. Kass, creative writing teacher at Pioneer.
- Pioneer Symphony Orchestra and Band Skyline held its first Magnet Exploratory Week Jan 27-31.
- Community High Schools’ Grace Forum is raising funds for women and children of an impoverished village in Tanzania.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

▪ Performance

- February 2nd meeting:
 - Series 1000 and 2000 policy updates
 - Received update from Connie Toigo and Michelle Pogliano on Preschool and Headstart programs. There are a number of comprehensive programs offered and available to the community.
 - Social Climate study session topics were discussed. Surveys will be distributed regarding our counseling programs and how connected students feel and how they are getting connected. Also determining if students feel their schools are preparing them for the life learning they need.
- Next meeting is March 2 at 5:00 pm, Balas. Public is welcome.

▪ Planning

- Next Meeting is February 10 at 6:00 pm, Balas. Public is welcome.

A moment of silence was offered for Kisha French.

SECOND BRIEFING – *scheduled for approval at this meeting*

B04-215 Thurston Pond Storm Water Project – no further discussion.

B04-217 Technology Replacement – no further discussion.

ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA – *scheduled for approval at this meeting*

B04-215 Thurston Pond Storm Water Project

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve a contract for construction and installation of new stormwater pretreatment structures, storm structures, sewer and appurtenances for Thurston Pond to Parmer Enterprises Inc., in the amount of \$251,950. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

B04-217 Technology Replacement

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the purchase of Phase I of the District Technology Refresh with Apple, Inc. in the amount of \$5,652,119. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Draft Minutes of the 1/21/09 Regular Meeting

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 1/21/09 Regular Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Draft Minutes of the 12/10/08 Executive Session

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 12/10/08 Executive Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Gift Offers

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to accept the gift offers as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

ACTION – BOARD ITEMS*Superintendent's Contract – Cross*

A discussion took place with regard to the terms of the Superintendent's contract.

President Cross, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to adopt and ratify the agreement between the Superintendent the Ann Arbor Board of Education, and authorize the President and Secretary of the Board of Education to execute the same. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1; Trustee Baskett voting no.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts gave his report.

The Tappan Knowledge Master Open 6th grade team, coached by Jim Corbett, won their third state championship in the recent competition.

The Forsythe sixth grade team, coached by Dan Ezekiel, came in 8th place in the state.

The Bach School 4th and 5th grade team, coached by Tina Ezekiel, placed first in their division.

- Huron's Business Professionals of America entered 86 students in the Region 6 Leadership Conference and had 56 students qualify for the State Leadership Conference. A Total of 106 Awards were given to 56 Huron students including 25 First Place and 29 Second Place awards.
- On January 21st, Bach students in Mr. Jamar Humphrey's class talked to the astronauts currently living aboard the International Space Station through a world wide down link from the space station. The class spent 20 minutes watching the astronauts in the space station as they answered questions from students in Michigan, California and Washington.
- Skyline High School Theatre students, coached by Anne-Marie Roberts, received a two rating for their performance of Moliere's The Imaginary Cuckold at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association District Festival. The troupe will advance to the regional festival.
- 35 Pioneer AP Chemistry students volunteered to facilitate eight science stations, dedicated to various scientific concepts, for the Bryant Elementary students Science Night Program. This event was arranged with coordinators from the Toledo Science Center.
- Northside teachers, Rick Dekeon and Ralph Carnegie, organized a successful study and basketball clinic for 26 Northside students utilizing members of Huron's basketball teams. First the Northside students worked on their homework with their high school buddy, then they practiced basketball drills. A highlight was having former Northside students return as mentors and coaches.

- Twenty-five members of the Pioneer Choirs sang at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival. Those 25 singers received 27 excellent ratings and 4 good ratings.

- The Skyline Choir had three soloists and three ensembles participate in the Vocal Music competition as well.

Two individual Soloists and Cantare, the Men's Choir, earned a Division I Rating.

Skyline Blues, a sextet from Cantando, and one soloist earned a Division II Rating.

- Several of our schools participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District XII Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Huron Band students received:

In the solo category: 104 First Place, 14 Second Place

In the Ensemble category: 32 First Place, 9 Second

Huron Orchestra: Solo – 12 first place

Ensemble – 32 first place

Pioneer Band students received:

In Solo: 124 first place, 27 second place

In Ensemble: 130 first place, 14 second place

Skyline Orchestra students received

8 first place, 1 second

Scarlett Orchestra musicians received:

6 first place, 3 second

Clague Orchestra students received:

Solo: 16 first place, 4 second

Ensemble: 12 first place, 1 second

Clague Band students received:

Solo: 30 first place, 2 second

Ensemble: 10 first place, 2 second

- At the recent Michigan Music Conference, the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association celebrated its 75th anniversary. As part of that celebration four small ensembles were given a special invitation to perform as part of this celebration and one was from Pioneer, the "Kobiashi Piano Trio", Leah Latterner (Piano), Jacob Joyce (Violin), and Ryan King (Clarinet).

- On February 10th, Clague Social Studies teacher Linda Prieskorn, will be recognized as the Michigan Social Studies Teacher of the Year at the 53rd annual Professional Development Conference for the Michigan Council for Social Studies.

- Haisley teacher Susan Haines was featured as the Magic 105.1 radio station's Teacher of the Year on Friday, January 23.

- Huron basketball coach Waleed Samaha and his team organized a "Coaches for Cancer" game with Bedford High School and raised \$2,167 for the American Cancer Society.

- The Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation won two of 13 Addy Awards, which are given annually by the Ann Arbor Ad Club, and will be presented on Friday, Feb. 13th at Rackham. One award is for the complete campaign (all pieces), and the other is for the brochure/insert card package

- Next week, February 9 – 13, is Principals Week in Michigan. Please join me in recognizing and thanking our building principals for their extraordinary work and for the significant contributions they make to our educational community every day.
- Monday, February 9, is NAAPID

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

Asked about customer service surveys update-- building-based surveys as well as administrative departments.

Will schedule a study session at 5:30 on Feb 11 to discuss the budget.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Vice President Patalan appreciated being invited to attend elementary caucus.

Trustees Baskett, Patalan & Nelson attended legislative breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

10:15 pm