



Motion to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of attorney/client privilege

CALL TO ORDER

7:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cross led the pledge

ROLL CALL

Present – Trustees Baskett, Cross (President), Friedman (Treasurer), Gates-Bryant, Mexicotte, Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President)

Present from Administration – Allen, Comsa, Hunter, Trent, Aeschbach, Osinski (Recorder)

Guests Present – Harry Sheehan-Wash. County Drain Commission, Craig Hupy-City of Ann Arbor

INTRODUCTION OF NON-VOTING MEMBER AT THE TABLE

President Cross introduced Dr. Todd Roberts, Superintendent of Schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented by consent.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

REPORTS

Youth Senate – Students Aparna Ghosh and Kirsten Crockett reported that plans for the new year will emphasize ‘Youth as Resources’ to develop the educational and cultural environments. An example of this “theme” is evidenced by the fundraising efforts of clubs and sports teams. Youth Senate will host the 5th annual “*Fight Aids in Africa* Walk-a-Thon” which will be held Sunday, October 12th. The Youth Senate suggests Pioneer and Huron administration work together to improve the registration process and recommends utilizing students in this effort.

BPSSG – Sheryl Prince thanked Dr. Roberts and staff for attending support group meetings and the Board for the opportunity to speak at Board meetings. A volunteer and planning meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m.

AAPAC - Amy Shepherd reported that students participated in ESY program at King Elementary over the summer. Improvements in classrooms and staff readiness were apparent at the beginning of school. Will meet with HR and SISS to discuss hiring improvements to address unfilled TA positions. Fall Planning Retreat will be held Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Skyline, Room B329. Discussions will include SISS goals and objectives, disability awareness, transitions, curriculum, behavior supports and peer mentoring. The committee will meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in room B329 at Skyline.

AAEA – Linda Carter thanked Dr. Roberts and trustees for participation in Opening Day and Dr. Dunn and the AAPS staff choir for their performance of the original piece “The More We Work Together.” She visited many schools on the first day and thanked Kay Wade and Tom Pachera for allowing her to participate in their “Sky Time” class. Distributed brochure to promote reading.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Performance – Trustee Mexicotte reported that the committee discussed agenda items for the year: student achievement, social climate, HR, 3-tier intervention, marketing efforts and PowerSchool. Reviewed the Elementary attendance, promotion and retention policies which will be brought for first briefing on 9/24. Next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 5-6:30 p.m. at Balas. Public is welcome.

Planning – Trustee Gates-Bryant reported that the committee previewed Read 180 presentation. Reviewed Carpenter, Eberwhite and Bach bid recommendations. Next meeting is October 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at Balas. Public is welcome.

INFORMATION*Facilities Update*

Mr. Trent celebrated the accomplishments of the district with the opening of Skyline and the projects in all schools through the Bond and Sinking Fund projects. He thanked all those involved in the summer projects, especially those who worked continuously to ready the schools for opening this Fall. He noted that many of the projects are ahead of schedule and quite a few have come in under budget.

Principals Terra Webster (Pattengill), Gary Court (Tappan) and Cynthia Leaman (Clague) offered positive experiences with the remodeling construction in their buildings.

FIRST BRIEFING*08-017 Read 180 Program Expansion*

Joyce Hunter and Chuck Hatt presented the recommendation for Read 180 program expansion. They have identified the problems with the program and have rectified them. Goals for students are a minimum increase of 50 lexile points - two grade level growth per year. Goals will be documented and used as evaluative targets.

Rec/Ed Catalog Printing Bid Recommendation

Ms. Aeschbach presented the request for bid recommendation. She noted that there is a \$5,000 increase over last year. Trustees asked why don't we try for a multi-year bid. She responded that Inco was the only vendor who would lock in their price for one year. If they attempted multi-years, vendors may return bid much higher to protect themselves against rising costs.

Ms. Aeschbach talked about Top Soccer program serving children with special needs.

(B04-208) Carpenter, (B04-209) Eberwhite & (B04-210) Bach Renovation Bid Recommendation – Trent, pp. 21-29

Mr. Trent presented the recommendations for these renovation projects. No discussion.

SECOND BRIEFING – scheduled for approval at this meeting*Stormwater Containment Project*

Mr. Sheehan gave a brief overview of the project noting that there were no new developments or concerns brought by citizens. It was explained that commitment by the district is needed in order to obtain the funding and apply for grant assistance. Discussion around the safety of the tank placement under the grassy area revealed that "pick-up" games in this area do not happen because of the slope. Once the tank is installed, it would provide a better surface for parking cars. Mr. Huppy explained that

they will be requesting a loan to cover the \$8 million for 5 projects at 2.5% interest. As the largest of the 5, the Pioneer project would cost \$4.4 million. Resident water bills will increase by approx. \$10/year for 20 years. The district will receive credits toward its water bill.

AAPS/UM World Language Partnership - No further discussion.

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

Trustee Mexicotte requested Read 180 program expansion approval to be moved to the consent agenda. All in favor.

1) Read 180 Program Expansion

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve additional Read 180 Stabe B for Tappan and Clague in the amount of \$100,600, which includes shipping and professional staff development. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

2) Stormwater Containment Project

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan moved that the Board of Education supports the Pioneer Stormwater Project for the Allen's Creek Drainage District on the Pioneer High School property. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to sign the agreed upon documents and easements as necessary. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

3) AAPS/UM World Language Partnership

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan moved to provide instruction in world languages to students in Ann Arbor Public Schools through a carefully structured teacher education program run by the UM School of Education. Beginning September 2009, its first full year of operation, the Partnership will offer Spanish language instruction to third graders in all 21 elementary schools in Ann Arbor. In September 2010, the program will expand Spanish instruction into the fourth and fifth grades, while continuing in third grade. The approximate cost to the Ann Arbor Public Schools for this program will be \$100,000. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

4) Approve Minutes of the July 15, 2008 Organizational Meeting

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2008 Organizational Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

5) Approve Minutes of the August 20, 2008 Regular Meeting

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

6) Gift Offers – Osinski

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- AAPS made a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce for Impact 2009.
- United Way Kick-off – Thanked the AAPS staff members for their support last year.
- The summer music camps at Interlochen were a resounding success. Thank you to all the music teachers who put in a lot of time and effort organizing this experience for the students.

- Pioneer High 2008 graduate Laura Wellman and Community High School Counselor John Boshoven are highlighted in an article entitled, "How to Escape the Wait List," in the annual 2009 Kaplan/Newsweek College Guide. Laura will be attending Yale University, after being offered a seat from their wait list. John is also featured in the U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges: How to Find the Right School for You" annual college ranking edition. That article, "Narrowing your Choices, " gives families tips on coming up with a college shortlist from figuring out what they're really looking for to asking the right questions on campus. Both annual guides are available nationwide through the end of the year.
- As a tribute to the momentum that the school-based health care movement has built over the last few years, Congress has recognized how the school-based health center model is a solution to broader child health care issues. Jonathan Miller, a 2006 graduate of Stone High School, was chosen as a spokesperson and testified before Congress about how he was able to lose weight because of the supports provided by his high school health center. At the beginning of the hearing, Senator Dodd announced the introduction of the Federal Childhood Obesity Prevention Act.
- Pioneer High School's head football coach, Jeremy Gold, has been selected to serve as Team USA's defensive line coach. USA Football is the sport's national governing body on youth and amateur football, Team USA will compete among a field of eight countries spanning four continents in the 2009 International Federation of American Football Junior World Championship held in Ohio next July. All 50 state high school athletic associations and the District of Columbia are invited to nominate at least 10 players to compose a talent pool from which Team USA's coaching staff will select its roster in spring 2009.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

Would like Executive Board to arrange reports from trustees who attend other committees.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Nelson – attended IMPACT 2009.

Trustee Patalan – visited Skyline, Pattengill, Carpenter and Community on opening day.

ADJOURNMENT

9:00 PM