



CALL TO ORDER

7:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Baskett led the pledge

ROLL CALL

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

Absent – Trustee Cross (President)

Present from Administration – Margolis, Dickinson-Kelley, Allen, Trent, Osinski (Recorder)

INTRODUCTION OF NON-VOTING MEMBER AT THE TABLE

Vice President Patalan introduced Dr. Todd Roberts, Superintendent of Schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

REPORTS

Youth Senate - Students reported on accomplishments from last year and goals for the coming year. The group is continuing its Leadership seminars, and are working on a “Leap the Gap” update to the Board in October.

BPSSG – Sylvia Nesmith provided a brief overview of the past years’ meetings. Some concerns expressed by parents are lack of communication and guidance regarding resources, continuing inequities among this group, over-identification of African American students in Special Education, discipline policies need clarification. They also expressed concern about the citizenship grade process preventing kids from obtaining honor roll status; there appears to be no rubric for assigning citizenship marks. More work is needed to address learning styles. Parents would like to be more involved, but have difficulty doing so during the work day.

AAAA Joan Fitzgibbon reported that after tomorrow evening, all schools have held their curriculum/capsule nights. Principals are working with staff on SIT plans and reviewing achievement data. High schools are undergoing the accreditation process. They are working on the 3-tier intervention model and reviewing inequities among students.

AAEA Linda Carter provided helpful hints for parents to develop a good relationship with their child’s teachers.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Performance**
 - Next meeting will be held October 6, 5-6:30 p.m. at Balas. Public is welcome.
- **Planning**
 - Reviewed the King, Logan, Northside the Huron Administration renovation bids.

- Next meeting is October 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at Balas. Public is welcome.

INFORMATION

Superintendent Goals

Dr. Roberts presented the proposed goals for the district. Goals focus on increasing student achievement, continuing work on equity, implementation of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, transition planning for Huron & Pioneer, and beginning implementation of Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan.

FIRST BRIEFING

- (B04-212) King, (B04-213) Logan, (B04-214) Northside Renovations – Presented by Mr. Trent - no comment.
- B04-216 Huron Admin Renovation – Presented by Mr. Trent – no comment.
- Policy Adoption – Mexicotte, p. 107
 - 5150 – Elementary Attendance, p. 108
Regulations will be coming forward. High School attendance policies have been put in place and middle school is nearing completion. Working with the WISD regarding attendance and truancy issues. Will bring a copy of the state statute. Trustees requested that parent groups review these policies prior to final briefing.
 - 5160 – Elementary Reclassification – Retention, pp. 109-111
This is not different than our current practice, but puts formality to assure consistency across the district. Would like parent groups involved for input in these policies. Need to add appeal process. Doesn't use retention as a tool to better educate kids – it puts in place a consistent practice.
 - 5170 – Elementary Reclassification – Promotion, pp. 112-114
As with the retention policy, this formalizes and places consistency across district.

SECOND BRIEFING – *scheduled for approval at this meeting*

08-022 Rec/Ed Catalog Printing Bid Recommendation – no further comment.

(B04-208) Carpenter, (B04-209) Eberwhite & (B04-210) Bach Renovation Bid Recommendations – no further comment.

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

08-022 Rec/Ed Catalog Printing Bid Recommendation

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant, moved to award Inco Graphics a contract in the amount not to exceed \$65,000 for printing the Community Education and Recreation Activity and Youth Catalogs for the 2008/09 school year. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, President Cross absent.

(B04-208) Carpenter, (B04-209) Eberwhite & (B04-210) Bach Renovation Bid Recommendations

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant, moved to award Heaney General Contracting a contract in the amount of \$1,555,200; Wiltec Technologies a contract in the amount of 4579,207; and Fuller Heating Company a contract in the amount of \$1,009,000. Further, the Board authorizes the project building cost including fees, furnishings, technology and construction contingency in

amounts as follows: Carpenter - \$1,099,343; Eberwhite - \$1,472,077; Bach - \$2,000,739. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, President Cross absent.

Trustee Conference Reimbursement

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant, moved to approve the conference reimbursements as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, President Cross absent.

Approve Minutes of the 9/10/08 Regular Meeting

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant, moved to approve the minutes of the 9/10/08 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, President Cross absent.

Gift Offers

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant, moved to accept the gift offers as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, President Cross absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Wednesday, September 24, is Student Count Day.
- The Ann Arbor Public Schools Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the Initiatives for Excellence grants for the 2008-2009 school year. These grants support specific initiatives within the school system that would not otherwise receive funding.
- The AAPSEF is continuing funding for the My Access! Program, a web based writing program that builds better writers by instantly scoring student essays and by providing immediate instruction that engages and motivates students. This year students in grades 5 – 10 will use My Access!
- New for this school year are three additional grants:
 - **COMP Tutor Program:** The Cooperative Outreach Music Program (COMP) provides music tutors to talented, low-income, middle school students.
 - **Enrichment Coordinators:** This grant awarded for elementary school enrichment coordinators will provide funding to secure the staffing infrastructure necessary for development and implementation of enrichment programming across all elementary schools. The new district-wide initiative is modeled after the successful Angell Elementary enrichment program.
 - **ACT's EXPLORE and PLAN Assessments:** The EXPLORE assessment will be administered to all eighth graders and the PLAN assessment will be administered to all tenth graders. Guidance counselors will coordinate parent meetings to assist in interpretation of results. These tests are part of ACT's Educational Planning and Assessment System, an integrated series of assessment and career planning programs designed to help students increase their academic readiness for college.
- Huron Speech Pathologist Jonelle Gillette was appointed to the State Special Education Advisory Committee which meets once per month in Lansing. Jonelle represents speech pathologists from across the State of Michigan and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. The committee advises the State Board of Education on special education issues. Jonelle served on this committee last year as well and the work that her specific group did on Extended School Year was adopted into practice. An

example that the work that we do does make a difference! We are honored and proud to have Jonelle represent the AAPS on such an important committee in Lansing.

- Pioneer junior and wide/receiver defensive back, Ricky Griffin, was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Detroit Metro Sports Commission in partnership with Detroit Lions Charities. Ricky intercepted a potential touchdown pass in a win over Saline in a game played at eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in August. The award is given to celebrate not only football, but to acknowledge academic and civic accomplishments of students who excel in their own pursuits.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

None

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Nelson – Attended the Skyline field and stadium dedication. Learned about crew team.

Baskett – Attended the Bryant/Pattengill PTO meeting. What is the status of PowerSchool to put on website; accounting for PTO and 501c3 and information about it. Dress code at Clemente?

Concerned about lack of planning with regard to the toilets installed at Bryant were too large and now are having to be replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

9:08 PM