



**CALL TO ORDER**

7:02 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Lightfoot led the pledge

**ROLL CALL**

Present – Trustees Baskett, Friedman (arrived at 7:37pm), Hollier, Lightfoot, Mexicotte (President), Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President)

Present from Administration – Allen, Comsa, Dickinson-Kelley, Speiser, Doernte, Brown, Jaquette, Osinski (Recorder)

**INTRODUCTION OF NON-VOTING MEMBER AT THE TABLE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved by consent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- Darrell Wilson spoke about the concessions custodians have taken to address budget deficits over the years, and the need for their services\*\*
- Deb Palmer spoke about the dedication of the custodial staff.
- Beverly Geltner spoke about needing easier access to district information on the web.
- Ted Annis spoke about budget issues\*\*
- Howard Miller conveyed information that would be helpful for the public to provide feedback at the budget forums\*\*

**REPORTS**

**Youth Senate** - Offered a student’s perspective on Pioneer Principal White’s leave of absence for military service. Skyline’s chapter of junior Statesmen of American attended the Midwest Fall State Convention in Madison Wisconsin.

**Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee** – thanked Judy Coucouvanis for her presentation on “Helping your child get along in the world: *Strategies for Social Success*.” Next workshop will be given January 21 by Chuck Hatt on Read180. A flyer will be distributed with time and location of this free workshop open to all. Recognizes the challenge of budget issues. Urged Board to maintain SISS. Next meeting is February 1, 7pm at Skyline. Yolanda Bell will speak about the transition from high school to college or vocation for students with special needs.

**Ann Arbor Education Association** – President Satchwell encouraged the community and staff to become informed and attend the Community Forums on the Budget. He noted that our district, along with all districts in the state, have cut expenses in light of the State’s structural deficit. He noted that the community has not really “felt” these cuts due to good planning, administrative foresight, and teachers who have done more with less.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning** – Next meeting is Jan. 12, 5pm at Skyline.

**Performance** – Next meeting is Jan. 28, 6:00 pm at Balas.

**INFORMATION***Options Program Update*

Susette Jaquette provided an update on the Options Program which provides alternatives to the traditional classes in order to reach the highest achievement level possible. The program is available to all AAPS students grades 9-12 and the Options Magnet is available to 9-12 grade students county-wide. Online and/or blended course sections will be available in the 2010-11 course selection guide. Parents shared their positive experiences with the program.

**FIRST BRIEFING***09/10 Grant Awards*

Linda Doernte presented the Grant Awards for 09/10. Sharman Speiser presented an update on Adult Education. Representatives from the Ann Arbor District Library, Community Action Network, UM Hospital, Washtenaw County Jail and Washtenaw Literacy introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their partnership with Adult Ed.

**SECOND BRIEFING** – scheduled for approval at this meeting

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

*Draft Minutes of the 12/16/09 Regular Meeting*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to approve the minutes of the 12/16/09 Regular meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Gift Offers*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to accept the gift offers as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

**ACTION – BOARD ITEMS***Memorandum of Understanding-Race to the Top*

Dr. Roberts explained the MOU from the state. Trustees are generally uneasy about moving forward with this as there is no detail, but glad there is an “opt out” clause.

Trustee Hollier, supported by Trustee Baskett, moved to approve the presented resolution.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Huron student Arjun Nagpal wrote a guest column that was featured on Ann Arbor.Com about his Eagle Scout Project in which he built 7 doghouses for the Humane Society of Huron Valley.
- The Washtenaw County Health Department and Clague Middle School received a grant that will enable a health department staff person to work in tandem with Clague to develop a Safe Routes to School Action Plan. Clague will receive \$1,000 to spend toward implementation of Safe Routes activities.
- Students from multiple forums at Community High School held a two-week cash drive for Food Gatherers of Washtenaw County, and raised \$4,257.50. This amount will buy over 11,000 meals.
- The Lawton community partnered with Grace Bible Church in their "Warm Wishes" program and provided twenty-five families (65 Lawton students) each received a large bag of gifts and food.

- Lawton students collected over thirty full boxes of canned goods to donate to the Salvation Army
- Skyline High School's Peter Pasque was selected to have his ExamView Pro tutorials posted on iTunes U.
- Several Pioneer USA Hockey students are on the U.S. National Junior Team and they won the gold medal at the 2010 World Junior Championship with a 6-5 overtime win over Canada.
- Ann Arbor Student Home Building Program was acknowledged by LOWE'S Home store and KOBALT tools as one of the fifty programs nationally recognized for work with young people. The AAPS program was awarded \$600.00 worth of tools under their "TOUGH TOOLS for COOL SCHOOLS" program.

This is the 40th year and 40th house being built by our student program and they are ahead of schedule. For the first time in the program's history, the house was completely enclosed before the winter break began.

- Community High Counselor John Boshoven and EMU Professor Suzanne M. Duggar collaborated in writing a chapter in the recently published school counseling textbook, "Professional School Counseling: A Handbook of Theories, Programs and Practices. The book is widely used in graduate school counseling classes throughout the US. Their chapter is entitled, " Secondary and Postsecondary Educational Planning."

- Budget Forums: all will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Huron	January 7,	Thursday
Skyline	January 12	Tuesday
Scarlet	January 14	Thursday
Pioneer	January 19	Tuesday

#### **ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING**

President Mexicotte asked the Performance Committee to find a better system public access reports and presentations to the board. Also requested that the committee determine the process for removing charter schools.

President Mexicotte asked the Planning Committee bring a resolution to move forward with legislation for expanded use of sinking fund dollars.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

9:50 pm