



**CALL TO ORDER**

7:03 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Nelson led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

Present – Trustee Baskett, Friedman (Treasurer), Hollier, Lightfoot, Mexicotte (President), Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President)

Present from Administration – Allen, Margolis, Trent, 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.

**CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Donnetta Brown – Office Professional at Huron

Nominated by: Sharon Brown, co-worker

Announced by: Susan Baskett

“Ms. Brown provided support to a peer who was suffering from a serious illness, treating her as if she were her own family. She has been a source of comfort and assistance that has gone above and beyond the "outstanding customer service" category. She has truly earned distinction as a loving hero.”

Pat Menzies and Liz Gray also offered supporting comments.

*Gold Star awards were presented to Jeremy Eldred – ITD, Mike Hogue – ITD and Cindy Johengen – Teacher @ Allen*

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- Carol Mohrlock spoke against privatization
- Deb Palmer spoke against privatization
- Harry Bentz spoke against privatization
- Maria Ferraiuolo spoke against privatization
- Marifran Brown spoke against privatization
- Humberta Valencia spoke against privatization
- Kate Klaus spoke about concerns with Logan personnel issue
- Tina Pappas spoke about concerns with Logan personnel issue
- Penney Scheppe spoke against privatization
- Renee Mitchell spoke against privatization
- Tom Wesoloski spoke against privatization
- Chai Montgomery spoke against privatization
- Darrell Wilson spoke against privatization.

**REPORTS**

**Youth Senate** - Thanked the board during Recognition Month. Grant received from DTE Energy Foundation’s Youth Leadership Development Program. Achievement Solutions Teams have provided needed academic peer support.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning** – Reviewed the Electrician bid recommendation and received update on Mack Pool operation. Next meeting will be held Feb 16 at 4:00 pm at Balas.

**Performance** – On Jan 28, the committee reviewed entrance and exit practices of alternative schools and expect the details will be released to public soon. Discussed redesign of Clemente and Stone programs – community will be given an opportunity to weigh in. Discussed school messenger. Will have an update on communications at a later date. Discussed Pacific Education Group’s upcoming presentation. Next meeting is Feb 11 at 6:00 pm at Balas.

**SECOND BRIEFING**

**FIRST BRIEFING**

*10-004 Electrician Bid Recommendation*

Mr. Trent presented recommendation for Wiltec. Noted that AAPS has decades of experience with this local company and we are extremely satisfied with their work. They have helped us improve our systems as well. Noted that there is 10% minority representation within the company. They will assign one individual to this job.

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

*Naming Recommendations*

**Co-naming of Pioneer Track**

Don Sleeman offered comments of appreciation for the honor of co-naming the Pioneer track along with Bryan Westfield. Mr. Berggren, who initiated the process made some additional comments.

**Tappan Gym**

Requested approval this evening, but would like to formally recognize Mr. Lillie at a Board Meeting in March.

*10-001 Parking Project Management* – no comment.

*10-003 Huron Business Computer Lab replacement* – no comment.

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

*Naming Recommendations*

Trustee Baskett, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to co-name the Pioneer Track after Track coach Don Sleeman, along with Bryan Westfield. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to name the Tappan Gym after Rob Lillie, gym teacher. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*10-001 Parking Project Management*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to the bid award of 11.9% of the total gross parking revenue, for the 2010-2011 Pioneer Parking Project Event Management for U of M Football Seasons to Great Lakes Environmental, Inc. (DBA: Michigan Event Parking). On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*10-003 Huron Business Computer Lab replacement*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the purchase of 27 Dell Computers for the Huron Computer Lab at a total cost of \$35,093.25 with funding obtained from the Perkins Grant. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Approve minutes of the 1/20/10 Regular Meeting*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/20/10 as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Gift Offers*

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

**ACTION – BOARD ITEMS**

*Motion for Executive Sessions on 2/17/10 for negotiations and on 2/24/10 for superintendent informal evaluation, p. 10*

Trustee Nelson, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to approve Executive Sessions on February 17, 2010 for the purpose of negotiations, and on February 24, 2010 for informal evaluation of the superintendent. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Four Pioneer students are candidates to receive the 2010 Presidential Scholar Award: Spencer O. Johnson, Daniel J. Kriz, Leah A. Latterner and Jacob C. Postema.

The Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors. The 2010 Presidential Scholars will be announced in June.

- Skyline High School's production of The Midnight Caller by Horton Foote received a rating of One at the MIFA district festival which qualifies the production to compete in the Regional festival.

- Wines Elementary School held its first family math night and 188 students and their families attended. Forsythe math teacher Angela Newing coordinated the event and was assisted by her Algebra 1 students.

- The Bach School 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th grade team, coached by Mrs. Ezekiel, placed FIRST in Michigan, in the Knowledge Master Open.

- The Forsythe 6<sup>th</sup> Grade KMO team, coached by Mr. Ezekiel, placed 4th in the state and the Tappan team, coached by Mr. Corbett, placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

- The Solo and Ensemble Festival was held on January 16. These qualifying students will advance to state-level competition:

- Skyline Orchestra Students earned 6 Excellent and 15 Superior Awards.
- Pioneer Band students received 111 first division and 23 second division ratings in SOLO competition, and 119 first division and 18-second division ratings in ENSEMBLE competition.
- Huron High School's Bel Canto Choir was one of six chosen to perform at the Michigan Music Conference.
- Slauson Choir Director Cherry Westerman was chosen to conduct the Junior State Honors Choir at the same conference
- Huron's Bel Canto and A cappella choirs will travel to Salzburg, Austria in March to participate in an international choral festival.
- January 23, the A Cappella Choirs from Huron and Pioneer and South Lyon High School, along with members from the Ypsilanti men's chorus Measure for Measure, joined Arie Lipsky and the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra at Hill Auditorium for a performance of Mozart's Requiem.
- I would like to recognize and thank the University Musical Society (UMS) for hosting the annual partnership performance and luncheon with AAPS staff members. There are many ways that our students benefit from our partnership with UMS and we are fortunate to have such talented and creative people working with us to bring the arts to our students. In addition to meeting with the amazing UMS staff, we were treated to a wonderful performance by Ladysmith Black Mamabazo.
- Skyline Vocal Music students in Bel Canto, A Cappella, and Skyline Blues Choirs earned Division I ratings at the Solo and Ensemble Festival, and are eligible to participate in State Solo and Ensemble Festival in March.
- A number of our school communities have raised money for Haiti through bake sales, flea markets and coin drives: Forsythe raised \$2,440; Lawton-\$1,101.50; Students in Greta Barfield's CI Classroom at Huron collected \$475; Thurston's student council raised \$739.59; Burns Park raised \$2,182. The amount, \$1,396, donated to the Red Cross was matched by TCF Bank. The rest went to Doctors Without Borders.
- Monday, February 8, is NAAPID. Please join me in welcoming our parents into our school buildings. Remember the NAAPID at Night program is from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Skyline High School.

Also reported that a test of our new School Messenger system was successfully performed. This system will improve communications in the schools and in emergency situations. Will also assist in keeping our parent contact information up-to-date. Currently being used to follow-up on attendance at secondary levels for now. Will be used to track food service payments due, announcements, etc. Funding for the first implementation came from the REMS grant. After that it will be funded from school level, food service and Rec & Ed.

**ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING**

none

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Trustee Nelson noted appreciation for the partnership with the UMS, as he participated in another book review at the library. Thanked them for the program and partnership.

Trustee Baskett appreciates all the public commentary. Noted that she, along with Trustees Lightfoot and Hollier, received an anonymous letter from a father making some serious allegations, and requested that he come forward

Trustee Hollier will his position on the board as of 2/12/10 explaining that he is unable to dedicate as much time as is needed to serve as trustee on this board because he has recently taken a job in the state legislature. He commented on the difficult work that lay ahead for the district and state. He noted that the district wants to do the right thing, but can't do everything for everyone. He encouraged the community to support the public schools as though the millage passed by donating this money to the schools. We need to stand up and make our voice heard in Lansing.

Trustees offered their thanks to Trustee Hollier for his service to the Board of Education.

Trustee Friedman asked if a venue had been put in place to donate in-lieu of millage dollars. Roberts noted that the Foundation is running a campaign. Friedman recognized that this hasn't been widely publicized. He inquired about plans to increase revenue. He requested administration to structure a private giving program – advantages/disadvantages. Noted that Trustee Hollier could work with Dr. Roberts to structure this campaign.

President Mexicotte noted that the process is in place to choose a candidate. Looked at March 8 for interviews by the Board followed by March 10 for presentation and appointment.

Executive Committee meets 2/9, during which the meeting dates will be firmed up.

Trustee Friedman suggested that the previous candidates be contacted by telephone to ask if they would like to re-apply, and asked that they not be required to go through the lengthy process again. It was noted that the questions may not be the same, and Trustee Lightfoot had not had an opportunity to interview these candidates, so the process would remain the same for all interested candidates.

The tentative deadline would by 2/19, with 2/8 as the deadline for interview questions to be submitted by the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:12 pm.