



CALL TO ORDER

7:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Lightfoot led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

Present – Trustees Baskett, Friedman (Treasurer-arrived 7:10pm), 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

Revised agenda was approved by consent.

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Beth Bernacki – Teacher @ Skyline

Nominated by Katie LaCroix

“I would like to nominate Mrs. Beth Bernacki for the Celebration of Excellence Award. While Beth happens to be my sister and best friend, I am nominating her because of her diligence and dedication to her work. Beth teaches history at Skyline High School, and there is no limit to the amount of time that she puts into her role as a teacher.

I have witnessed, firsthand, how committed Beth is to her work. She spent this past summer planning for her upcoming year, to ensure that her students would be both engaged and challenged to their utmost potential. Beth is an inspiration to her students. As a 4th grade teacher at Logan, many of my students from years ago are now in Beth's classes. These same students have come to tell me how much they appreciate having Beth as their teacher. Those students' parents have expressed the same.

I know that some may call it a “conflict of interest” that I am nominating my sister for this award. However, it makes perfect sense to me. I have had the opportunity to witness how much time and thought Beth puts into her work. Beth is the epitome of a teacher that goes “above and beyond” her calling. She is very deserving of this recognition.”

Patrick Dombrowski – Paraeducator @ Forsythe

Nominated by Danielle Bowles & Barbara Hunt

“Pat Dombrowski has worked with me since I started working in AAPS in 2005 and has moved with our self-contained program twice since then. He has been an invaluable part of my team and I would not have been able to make it through many tough times without him. He works with the students in our self-contained classroom and also in general education to support inclusion experiences. Pat easily makes adaptations/modifications to help our students participate and interact with general education peers. In the process of including our students, he forms relationships with the peers.

Pat gives all of his energy and heart to his job as a paraeducator. He is dedicated to students with disabilities and outside of AAPS, he works with adults with disabilities. He always seeks to help

students achieve their potential and pushes them to be independent. Often people underestimate these students, but Pat helps hold them to high expectations. He is encouraging and builds up the students' self-esteem and self-worth. Many of these students have had negative experiences and do not feel capable and Pat helps change this. His personality and approach is very calm and quiet. Pat is easily can calm students with behavioral needs, build relationships with hard to reach students, and touches the life of every student, with whom he supports. In the community, we always see previous students; these students are excited to see "Mr. D." and always have a story to share of how he has helped them or about a positive (usually amusing) school experience. I have yet to encounter a student that has not felt that Mr. D. made a difference in their lives.

Other teachers have shared:

Pat always was there to support students in an above average way. (Karen Sanderson, Clague)
I have enjoyed having Pat as a para pro in my adaptive PE/peer mentoring class this year! Pat is so easy-going, caring, compassionate, and energetic! He actively participates, works well with the peer mentors and does great job facilitating their expectations. He truly cares about the students he works with. My interactions with Pat are always rewarding. (Kelli Bert, Scarlett)

Mr. D., as he was affectionately known by me and all the students in my classes, always displayed the highest level of dedication and concern for all students. Pat would supervise the students in his care but look out for the well being of the rest of the students in my class. Pat would help monitor his and other students as they would take Digital Pictures for class projects. His monitoring allowed the student groups to be smaller and more manageable. Pat's students often needed a little help from the other students in my class he would invite students to help and show them genuine appreciation. The students respected Mr. D for the caring, interest and appreciation he gave each of them. Pat Dombrowski is an example of the Perfect Para-Professional dedicated, caring and professional to all that come in contact with him. It has been my pleasure to have worked with him his presence in my classroom is sadly missed this year."

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Burns Park received the 2009/10 DTE Energy Foundation School of the Year awarded by the University Musical Society.

Rob Lillie was recognized for his 40 years of teaching Physical Education at Tappan with the naming of the Tappan Gym.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Roland Zullo spoke against privatization.
- Richard Miller spoke against privatization.
- Harrold Miller spoke about district finances.
- Thomas Wesoloski offered comments about current companies being considered for transportation management.
- John Riedisser offered comments about current companies being considered for transportation management.
- Steve Norton spoke about assuring openness in the budget planning process.

BOARD CANDIDATE PRESENTATIONS

The following eight board candidates made presentations to the board: Victoria Haviland, Jeff Sabatini, James Corey, Susan Collet, Andy Thomas, Jack Panitch, Christine Stead, Margy Long.

BOARD CANDIDATE SELECTION

President Mexicotte explained the voting process. Ms. Osinski distributed paper ballots for the first round of voting. Ballots were collected and read by Ms. Osinski. Trustee Baskett voted for James Corey; Trustee Friedman voted for Christine Stead; Trustee Lightfoot voted for Victoria Haviland; President Mexicotte voted for Christine Stead; Trustee Nelson voted for Christine Stead, and Vice President Patalan voted for Christine Stead. By majority vote, **Christine Stead** was appointed to the board seat.

OATH OF OFFICE

"I, (CHRISTINE STEAD), DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, AND THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY."

Trustee Stead will serve on the Planning Committee. Her term will expire December 31, 2010.

REPORTS

Youth Senate – Not present. Written report was submitted and is available on line.

AAPAC – Yolonda Bell presented at the meeting on Feb 1 to explain the transition process for students with IEP's and 504's as they move from middle to high school. Disability Awareness workshops are occurring as follows: 3/12 @ Haisley, 3/16 @ Lawton, 3/17 @ Logan, 3/19 @ Dicken and 3/26 @ King. The next meeting will be held April 12, 7pm at Skyline Room B329.

PTOC – held the second session of its Officer Training series for Treasurers. Similar training through new Center and Board Connect will be offered for Board Officers in April. The Executive Board will be reviewing and updating PTO bylaws. An advocacy committee has been formed to address state level school financing issues. This is a non-partisan group formed to educate parents about financing issues facing our district. Encouraged the public to contact their legislator regarding stable school funding.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning – met 2/16 to prepare resolution to support Senate Bill expanding the use of sinking fund dollars. Reviewing policies expiring and determine potential new policies for foreign exchange/transfer students, and building closures. Will be discussing revenue building and supporting further the AAPSEF – is there more we can do? How can we better partner with our representatives in Lansing? Appreciate comments and suggestions from the public. Next meeting is 3/16 @ 4pm.

Performance – Meeting is 3/11 at 6:00 pm; discussing policies, review of assignments, review of communication efforts, and implications of information received from the Legislative Conference.

INFORMATION

FIRST BRIEFING

Schools of Choice Resolution

Dr. Roberts and submitted a resolution to recommend limited participation in Schools of Choice for residents within the county, not currently residing in AAPS boundaries. Ms. Jane Landefeld presented a Powerpoint outlining the program. Enrollment would be limited to 60 seats in both Kindergarten and First Grade at selected elementary schools, and 50 seats in Sixth Grade at any of

the middle schools. The Application timeframe would be April 1-30, with applicant status notification by May 15 in order to enroll for Fall 2010.

SECOND BRIEFING – scheduled for approval at this meeting

10-004 – Electrician Bid Recommendation

Mr. Trent reminded trustees that this would allow for a designated individual from Wiltec to perform low-voltage work that we do not have on our staff to accomplish. Bidding this out is less costly than employing a staff person. Trustee Baskett noted concern from the public was the difference in the hourly rate between the contracted individual and our staff. Mr. Trent explained that we have attempted to train our people to perform this work, but it has not been successfully negotiated.

ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA – scheduled for approval at this meeting

10-004 – Electrician Bid Recommendation

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve Wiltec Technologies Inc. to perform electrical repair and installation services for the Ann Arbor Public Schools on an as needed basis. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Approve minutes of the 2/3/10 Regular Meeting and 2/17/10 Study Session

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the minutes of the 2/3/10 Regular Meeting and 2/17/10 Study Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Approve minutes of the 1/17/10 and 1/20/10 Executive Sessions

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the minutes of the 1/17/10 and 1/20/10 Executive Sessions. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Approve Minutes of the 3/8/10 Study Session

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the minutes of the 3/8/10 Study Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Approve trustee conference reimbursements

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the conference reimbursements as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Gift Offers

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

ACTION – BOARD ITEMS

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Lightfoot, moved the following

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a successful economic turnaround and investment in education is the key to a new Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the children of Michigan deserve educational opportunities that allow them to compete on a national and international basis; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to combine needed investments in education with meaningful, money-saving reforms in the delivery of educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the long-term economic health of our state, and opportunity for our citizens is conditioned on meaningful structural reform to provide stable and fair funding for education; and

WHEREAS, given the crippling effects on our citizens and our educational institutions of continuing short-term, temporary measures and budget impasses over education funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for Ann Arbor Public Schools encourages the Michigan Senate to approve Senate Bill #1059 which expands the use of sinking fund dollars to include all currently allowable bond expenditures.

The resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts read his report.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

President Mexicotte reminded committee chairs of the Tuesday, 3/16, 8am executive committee.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Lightfoot – Attended the 3/10 Legislative Conference and received information on Race To The Top (RTTT) legislation. Noted that RTTT is not in the best interest of the district, due to unfunded mandates, bases everything on a test, and links the proliferation of charter schools. Encouraged public to write, call legislators to vote down this legislation.

Trustee Baskett – Attended the 3/10 Legislative Conference, also participated in the RTTT discussion. Encouraged public to look at the presentations on the MASB website. Liz Brater noted that we need to network with other board members. Also attended a workshop on getting politically active, which is simple and she will share with trustees. Attended NAAPID events at a few schools. She and Trustee Lightfoot will attend Robotics competition at Skyline Friday

Trustee Nelson Attended Dispute Resolution Center to honor Joe and Elaine Dulin and their work in the community. UMS had another book club session “Whatever It Takes”. Pioneer Band Association held their Gala and silent auction noting the private support to these programs. Attended Orchestra Night. Attended Chorale Cavalcade and noted that choir members will be heading to Salsburg. Very touched by the performance by Pioneer’s Choir “Hand in Hand”

Vice President Patalan attended Forsythe’s science fair. Noted March is Youth Art Month and encouraged all to view the art that’s displayed downtown.

President Mexicotte appointed Trustee Lightfoot to serve as Parliamentarian. Trustee Stead will serve on the Planning Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

11:00 pm