



**CALL TO ORDER**

7:05 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Stead led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

Present – Trustees Baskett, Lightfoot, Mexicotte (President), Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President), Stead (Treasurer)

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

President Mexicotte introduced Dr. Todd Roberts, Superintendent of Schools (arrived at 7:20 pm)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Mexicotte moved up the SHEAC presentation and public hearing after special recognitions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None

**CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Courtney Crowley, Teacher at Clague Middle School

Nominated by Gundy Sweet

Announced by Simone Lightfoot

By way of introduction, my name is Gundy Sweet and I am the mother of Aaron Sweet, an 8th grader at Clague Middle School. In our years with the Ann Arbor Public School system we have had the opportunity to interface with many people, perhaps more than the average family. You see, Aaron is autistic and has received support services for special education since he was 20 months old. While many of the people we have worked with have been very good, few have truly stood out as outstanding educators and advocates for our son. I am writing you today because we are blessed this year with working with one of these truly unique and special people. Her name is Courtney Crowley and she is the teacher consultant and case manager for the autistic kids at Clague School. While Courtney is not new to the district, she is new to Clague this year.

When I met Courtney for the first time I was immediately struck by her warm smile, welcoming manner, and enthusiasm for what she does. In working with her now for the past 7 months those first impressions have held true, but I have also seen her limitless patience, terrific sense of humor, easy going style, high expectations of the students, creative thinking, and dedicated work ethic. Courtney shows a true commitment to her career and genuine caring for the kids with whom she works. She maintains regular and thorough communication with me so that I can provide the necessary support to Aaron at home to facilitate his education. I have seen her become a key member of the team at Clague. She is able to share her creative ideas with others and teach them different ways of doing things in a respectful, kind and effective manner. I have seen her colleagues appreciate her knowledge and willingness to teach them.

Perhaps most importantly though, as a mother of a child who works so hard to make it through every day, I have been most touched by the compassion and empathy that Courtney has consistently shown Aaron. She really tries (and is often able) to see the world through his eyes when he acts out or refuses to participate in an activity. This allows her to reach him in ways that most others are unable to do. She holds Aaron accountable for his actions and helps him achieve her high standards by meeting him where he is at. She is wonderful to work with because she truly listens to and tries to understand the underlying problem, and then works with the team to implement solutions. She has shown a willingness to try new approaches to teaching and has modified work for Aaron 'on the fly' countless times. Courtney has shown creative thinking and wonderful problem solving skills in issues related to education and behavior. Her collective skills and genuine empathy are unique gifts that are not often seen in our society in general.

In closing, I believe Courtney to be a phenomenal teacher, a true team player, and an absolute advocate for the kids. While we will be sorry to leave her next year as Aaron moves on to Huron High, we are thankful that our paths crossed for this year. Please let me know if the District has a recognition program for outstanding teachers as I would be very interested in nominating Courtney for consideration.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Norma McCuiston recognized corporate partnerships volunteering in the schools in honor of volunteer recognition week.

Lorin Cartwright recognized Pioneer's Synchronized Swim Team state champions; Dottie Davis recognized Huron's Figure Skating Team state champions.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Eight Huron students have a perfect ACT score this year. The students are: Joshua Cheng, Barron Pelham, Hwang Heemyung, Jong Hwan Koo, JooYoung Moon, Sussy Pan, Philip Tsao and Derek Wu.
- Pioneer senior Jessica Obidike has been selected as a "Gates Millennium Scholar" and awarded a full academic scholarship that will cover her undergraduate and graduate tuition at the university of her choice.
- The Rising Scholars Program, a partnership between the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the University of Michigan Center for Educational Outreach, is pleased to announce that two students, Dominique Hardy (Skyline) and Gabriel Recendiz (Huron) were awarded \$1,000 scholarships to attend the Michigan Math and Science Scholars Program this summer.
- Community High senior Allison Ferguson has won "Best in Show" at the Ann Arbor Art Center's Potential Show.
- The National Scholastic Press Association announced that Community High School's online news, is a winner of the Online Pacemaker Award.
- Pioneer junior Sean Winters was selected to attend a seven-week summer program in Russia with the National Security Language Initiative for Youth. The U.S. State Department offers merit-based scholarships to high school students to study less commonly taught languages in various countries around the world
- The Huron Symphony Orchestra was selected as the Finalist Orchestra at the Music Masters Festival in Chicago's historic Orchestra Hall.
- "Read to Feed...Children Changing the World" was the 2010 theme for March is Reading Month at Bach and the students Raised \$1,638 for Heifer International.

- AAPS students won a total of 16 awards in the National Latin Exam. Over 134,500 students in the U.S. and 11 foreign countries took the exam.
- The Forsythe Knowledge Master Open Club finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 649 teams in the country. The team from Tappan was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Michigan and 40<sup>th</sup> in the country.
- Jack Liu in Gayle Richardson's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Lawton was selected as one of the ten winners of Scholastic Book Clubs "Past, Present and Future" Letter Writing Contest.
- AAPS Culinary Arts teams won one gold and two silver medals at the State Culinary Arts competition.
- Five girls from the Skyline chapter of Junior State of America traveled to Chicago for the JSA Spring State convention and participated in a variety of political debates. Priya Menon, president of the Skyline chapter, won the election for Michigan State senator.
- At the SkillsUSA State Championship, Huron Home Building senior Chris Ziemba, won the Silver medal in the Carpentry competition. The AAPS Teamworks group finished in fifth place.
- The USA Hockey Men's National Under-18 Team captured its second consecutive gold medal at the 2010 International Ice Hockey Federation World Men's Under-18 Championship after downing Sweden, 3-1, April 23, at Minsk Arena.
- Burns Park Media Specialist, Rachel Erdstein, has become a contributor to Ann Arbor.com. Her first column appeared this week in celebration of Earth Day. Here is the link: <http://www.annarbor.com/entertainment/books/reading-for-our-planet/#>
- Occupational Therapist Deborah Kay received the "Promoting Occupation-Based Practice Award" from Eastern Michigan University.
- Pioneer Spanish teacher Laura Hovey Ozuna has been awarded a \$3300 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to attend a seminar in Oaxaca, Mexico to study the latest research of Mesoamerican cultures.
- Congratulations to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation's mini-grant award winners.

## **REPORTS**

**Youth Senate** – Performing a review of High School failure rates. Concerned about the financial state of the district affecting final months of school work, transportation and programs.

**AAPAC** – Pleased that the district will be implementing Positive Behavior Supports. SISS will partner with UM to investigate Anxiety Reduction Interventions for Special Ed families. Looking forward to full implementation of the Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES). Next meeting is May 3 at 7:00 pm at Skyline.

**PTOC** - Encouraged involvement in the PTOC and Advocacy Committee. Outlined objectives of the Advocacy Committee. Statewide Rally for Stable School Funding will be held May 24, 5-7pm, at a location to be determined. Next meeting is May 17 at 7pm at Balas.

**AAEA** – Negotiations are progressing positively. Encouraged public to donate what they would have paid in taxes had the county-wide millage passed. Noted that the Educational Foundation is launching a new campaign "One Million Reasons". Encouraged public to attend the

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning** – Next meeting will be held May 7, 2010 @ 11:30 am.

**Performance** – met 4/21 to address community concerns. Next meeting will be held May 6 at 5:00 pm.

**INFORMATION**

*Student Achievement Update*

The Instructional Team presented an update on Student Achievement. Trustees expressed their concern about the achievement data presented for African American and Hispanic students. Parent expectations need to be better communicated. Also need to be conscious about the language used in elementary curriculum; it may be difficult for young children to understand the meaning of certain words. The growth last year looked positive with math, but not as strong with reading.

Kevin Karr and Joan Fitzgibbon presented information on the achievement databases that are used to fine-tune action plans for student achievement.

Need to include data on the impact of economically disadvantaged students. Could look at students who were identified earlier.

Patalan noted the equity work that has been done with Glenn Singleton and that he reminded us that decreasing the achievement gap will not happen overnight.

Would be helpful for trustees to see the student achievement put into a plan with specifics.

**SPECIAL BRIEFING**

*AFSCME Tentative Agreement*

Dave Comsa and Shonta Langford-Green presented changes to the AFSCME agreement resulting in \$1.8 million in cuts and eliminating the need to pursue privatization of these services.

**FIRST BRIEFING**

*09/10 Spring Grant Awards*

Linda Doernte presented the grant awards totaling \$18,788,801.

*County-wide Transportation Consolidation*

William Miller (WISD), Len Brzozowski (Xavier Leadership Center) and Jim Regan (Transportation Strategies LLC), presented a proposal for county-wide transportation consolidation. The plan would result in a reduction of staff overall, but unable to predict where in the county that would occur. Current staff would apply to the open positions. If Ann Arbor doesn't adopt the consolidation plan, it is unlikely it can happen county-wide because of the size of our transportation system. Our employees would become WISD staff. If implemented in the Fall, there would be minimal changes. The districts would retain bus ownership. Special Ed routes buses would be owned by WISD. Will have more definitive answers at second briefing.

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

*Sexual Health Education Advisory Committee Curriculum materials recommendation*

Jenni Lane noted that no one has offered any further comment or material recommendations. They will continue to work with various resources to obtain updated materials. It was noted that perhaps high school students could take this on as a project to prepare new materials.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

No respondents.

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

- 1) Personal Curriculum; update to Policy 5050-Graduation Requirements – no further comment.
- 2) B04-223 Pioneer Summer Construction Projects – no further comment.
- 3) Roofing Supplier Recommendation – no further comment.
- 4) Pioneer Easement to Detroit Edison – no further comment
- 5) ~~10-005 Custodial/Maintenance Services Recommendation~~ – removed from agenda
- 6) Policy Updates – Baskett, - no further comments. Changes accepted as presented.
  - 4000 – Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination
  - 4120 – Conflict of Interest
  - 4200 – Professional Development/Training
  - 4450 – Negotiations
  - 4700 – Enrollment of Non-Resident Children of Employees
  - 5700 – Local Wellness (Replaces 5720 – Healthy Foods & Beverages)

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

*Personal Curriculum; update to Policy 5050-Graduation Requirements*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to accept the addition to Policy 5050-Graduation Requirements “**Modifications to the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements may be considered through an approved personal curriculum option, in conjunction with Section 380.1278b of the Revised School Code.**” On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*B04-223 Pioneer Summer Construction Projects*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the following contracts: Site Demolition, Earthwork to Merlyn Contractors - \$270,000; Electrical to Huron Valley Electric Company - \$158,400; Site Concrete & Asphalt to McCarthy Construction - \$315,804; Mechanical to Mills Mechanical - \$370,000; Landscaping and Irrigation to Mid Michigan Turf - \$71,900; Masonry to Baker Construction - \$58,950; General Trades to Beal - \$407,060; Tunnel Waterproofing to DRV Contractors - \$38,335; and Resilient Flooring to Shock Brothers Floorcovering - \$22,000. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Roofing Supplier Recommendation*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to award to MWA the unit pricing for roofing materials as specified in their bid received March 19, 2010 (RFP 10-002-660). On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Pioneer Easement to Detroit Edison*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to allow an easement to DTE at the southeast corner of Main Street and Stadium Blvd. for an existing power pole. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Policy Updates*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve policies as noted:

- 4000 – Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination – reauthorized as is; no change (4000.R.01 updated)
- 4120 – Conflict of Interest – reauthorized as is; no change (4120.R.01 updated)
- 4200 – Professional Development/Training – no change (4200.R.01 updated)
- 4450 – Negotiations – reauthorized as is; no change (4450.R.01 updated)

4700 – Enrollment of Non-Resident Children of Employees - reauthorized as is; no change

5700 – Local Wellness (Replaces 5720 – Healthy Foods & Beverages) - reauthorized as is; no change. Removed Policy 5720-Health Foods & Beverages.

On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Approve minutes of the 4/14/10 Regular Meeting*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 4/14/10 Regular Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Approve minutes of the 4/21/10 Regular Meeting*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 4/21/10 Regular Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Approve minutes of the 4/21/10 Executive Session*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 4/21/10 Executive Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Gift Offers*

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

**ACTION – BOARD ITEMS**

*Ratify AFSCME Tentative Agreement*

Trustee Stead, supported by Trustee Baskett, moved to approve the agreement between the Ann Arbor Board of Education and the AFSCME Local 1182 Council 25 bargaining unit for the 2010/2011 and 2011/20o12 school years, as recommended by the superintendent. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Restatement of 401(a) Retirement Plan*

Trustee Stead, supported by Trustee Baskett, moved to approve the Amendment and Reinstatement of:

Ann Arbor Public Schools Exclusive Benefit Governmental 401(a) Nontrusteed Retirement Plan

Ann Arbor Public Schools Association of School Community Service Administrators Exclusive Benefit Governmental 401(a) Nontrusteed Retirement Plan

Ann Arbor Public Schools Administrators' Exclusive Benefit Governmental 401(a) Nontrusteed Retirement Plan

On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*Approve Trustee Expense Reimbursements*

Trustee Nelson, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve trustee expenses as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

**ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING**

None

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

12:10 am