

# **Information Packet**

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**For the**

**July 8, 2009**

**Board of Education Meeting**



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## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education Trustees  
From: Todd Roberts *TR*  
Date: July 2, 2009  
Subject: Information Update

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### Board Organization Information

Included in the Blue Book is information regarding the Board Organizational Meeting Process and a copy of the related Board Policies. Based on the Policy (1250) the current Vice-President will preside over Wednesday's meeting until the new President is elected. Also if you are interested in a particular office or committee chairperson position please call Amy and let her know. Also you can let her know on which Board committees you want to serve.

If you have any questions let me know.

### County-wide Enhancement Millage

Included in the packet is a resolution requesting the WISD Board to submit the question of a Regional Enhancement Millage on the ballot for the November election. The question will be for 2 mills for five years (2009-2013). Each local Board of Education in the WISD will be taking action in July on this resolution. In order for the WISD Board to place this on the ballot in November, districts in the WISD that contain at least 51% of the student population in the WISD must pass resolutions asking the WISD Board to place the question on the ballot.

As you all are well aware through our many conversations about the district's budget and budget projections, we, like other districts in the county face dire budget issues over the next several years. As we have discussed, based on State revenue projections we face an \$11,000,000 and \$15,000,000 budget deficit for the 2010-2011 school year and likely a very similar deficit for the 2011-2012 school year. A county-wide millage is the only opportunity we have to increase operating revenues. The county-wide millage being proposed will generate approximately \$11,000,000 annually in operating revenues for AAPS. Without the revenues that will be generated from this millage we will need to make major reductions in programs for students over the next several years. Also, this millage offers us in the county the opportunity to assume greater local control over school funding since 100% of the funds generated by the millage will remain in Washtenaw County. As we all recognize, maintaining high quality public educational opportunities for students is imperative for preparing all of our children to be successful not only in school, but as adults. We also know that maintaining the educational excellence we have in AAPS and in the county is a critical element in maintaining and attracting businesses, jobs and families to our community. I believe that adopting this

resolution and passing this millage is absolutely essential to not only the future of the children in Washtenaw County, but to the well-being and prosperity of the county as a whole.

The Board will need to take action on adopting this resolution at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, because we need to have a copy of the adopted resolution to the WISD by August 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions let me know.

### **Read 180 Expansion**

Earlier in the spring when we gave an update on Read 180 and presented the data related to its implementation at the middle school level, we mentioned that we hoped to be able to expand Read 180 to be the Tier 2 intervention that we would have across the district in grades 3-12 and System 44 to be our Tier 3 reading intervention for grade 3-12. With the funding we are receiving from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) we are able to do this for the fall as we presented to the Board in June. We have on Wednesday's agenda as a special briefing item the purchase of Read 180 and System 44 for grades 3-5 and 9-12. The cost of the expansion is \$852,580, which includes the software, materials and training. Approximately \$810,000 of this cost is a one-time cost so it is a very good use of ARRA funds. We plan to continue training over the next few years that will cost approximately \$40,000 per year. The purchase we are recommending also includes the purchase of three additional computer servers to cover the Read 180 expansion (\$21,183). The total cost for the expansion is \$873,000, which will all be covered by ARRA funds. This purchase was reviewed by the Planning Committee at their last meeting in June.

We have already begun to train teachers and will continue the training over the summer. Approval of the purchase at our Wednesday meeting will allow us to have Read 180 available in all schools when we start the new school year.

Included in the Blue Book is a memo and Power Point from Joyce Hunter, Chuck Hatt Lee Ann Dickinson-Kelley and Larry Simpson that provides end-of-the-year data on Read 180 from the middle schools and the pilots at Abbot and Pioneer and information about what we know about effective implementation. Also included are the details regarding the purchase. Joyce and Chuck will present the Power Point at Wednesday's meeting.

If you have any questions let me know.

**CALL TO ORDER**

7:08 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Gates-Bryant led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent - Friedman (Treasurer)

Present from Administration – Aeschbach, Hunter, Allen, Comsa, Margolis, Cartwright, Osinski (Recorder)

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved by consent.

**CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Doug Julius, Teacher at Huron & Pioneer High Schools

Nominated by: Jim Walsh, parent

Announced by: Deb Mexicotte

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Charity Fitness Challenge Awards

Ms. Aeschbach presented the winners of the AAPS Charity Fitness Challenge: Team Skate Park donated \$969 to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation; Lean Mean Green Machine donated \$969 to the Science and Environmental Education Endowment; Smooth Operators donated \$969 to Health Place Mobile Dentist.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**Chris Berggren** spoke about bringing a proposal to consider naming a facility after PHS Coach Sleeman.

**Steve Hartwell** requested that the Board postpone moving forward with the proposal to name the PHS track after Coach Westfield to allow time for more community input and work on another proposal.

**FIRST BRIEFING**

Sexual Health Education Advisory Committee Recommendations, pp. 2-15

Jeni Lane and Anne Solari presented the committee recommendations for Sex Education. The Trustees commended the committee for their work on this. Goal is to make sure all students are comfortable with discussions about their sexual health. They must adhere to the state requirements with regard to sexual health.

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

**No respondents.**

**REPORTS****▪ Youth Senate**

Held the Walk-a-thon, annual “Big Wigs” kickball game, potluck picnic and recognition awards honoring President Cross as Adult Ally of the year. A grant has been received the Washtenaw County Summer Youth Employment Program to hire AAPS student employees. A survey was composed to assist in student group organizations. Final comments were offered by Ina Thatsani, Indonesian exchange student at Pioneer, and Kristin Crocket, graduated senior from Huron.

**▪ Ann Arbor Administrators Association (AAAA)**

President Fitzgibbon noted accomplishments in Equity and CARE Teams, Achievement Teams, and continuing work on SIT plans and school accreditation. Thanked President Cross for her years of support and also thanked Dr. Roberts and administration for their support.

**▪ Ann Arbor Educators Association (AAEA)**

President Linda Carter thanked President Cross for 10 years of leadership, providing a positive role model and transparent communication—she has always put our students first.

**Board Committee Reports...****Performance**

Met June 1 to draft the social climate resolution, reviewed new board member handbook, discussed possible enhancement millage, and policies requiring reauthorization.

**Planning**

Meeting June 1 was devoted to the Sexual Health Education Advisory Committee recommendations and also held a time for Public Hearing on the subject with no one responding.

**INFORMATION*****Career and Technology Education Partners***

Ms. Hunter presented a Powerpoint listing the advisory board members of many CTE programs. She noted that this makes a difference in our students to have these community members take an interest and provide an opportunity they might not otherwise have had. Trustees thanked all those in the community who have donated their time to our students.

***Facilities Update***

Robert Allen gave the report of CSIP projects.

Michael White presented the renovations to PHS over the next two years.

Dr. Roberts noted that moving Rec & Ed to E-wing was part of the original bond plan, as they currently rent space in another office building.

**FIRST BRIEFING - none****SECOND BRIEFING – *scheduled for approval at this meeting***

09-015 – Government – no comment

09-016 – AP Government – no comment  
09-019 – Calculus – no comment  
09-020 – Personal Fitness – no comment  
09-021 – Health – no comment

Dr. Roberts explained that we were able to work with the publishers to space out payment allowing us to move forward with purchasing more of the requested textbooks. Trustees are happy that we were able to think outside the box to purchase these textbooks. Thanked the publishers for allowing this.

#### *Naming of Pioneer High School Track*

Lorin Cartwright explained the process. Over 200 letters were received in support of naming the track after Westfield; 15 letters were received that wanted the track named something else or not named at all. Credentials were verified and nomination was discussed with school. Ms. Margolis explained that when the recommendation was received by administration, she reviewed all items (reading all letters of support). Submitted to the Superintendent, then committee of the board, then to the full board. Dr. Roberts noted that this recommendation does not preclude another recommendation to come forward for Coach Sleeman.

Trustee Gates-Bryant noted that the policy was developed during the naming of Skyline. It was developed after a long process. Trustee Nelson also encouraged that nominations be submitted. Emphasized the joy of celebrating excellence in our staff in this manner.

*Millage Resolution* – no discussion.

#### *2009/10 Proposed Budget*

Reiterated the serious nature of the budget based on the state's economic condition. The Recovery fund money will not be enough to bridge the gap; we will begin the 2010-11 budget process in September in order to address the \$10-\$15 million budget deficit and looking at a potential millage. Will be talking to the community.

Trustee Nelson noted that we have not gotten a response from the state what school funding will be.

09-023 Lighting Equipment Contractor Recommendation – no discussion.

09-024 Renewal of Supplemental Custodial – no discussion.  
Pioneer Easement – no discussion

09-026 - AAPD/AAPS School Liaison/Law Enforcement Contract –

Noted the rights of the students in Appendix A will be added to the Rights & Responsibilities. Dr. Roberts explained that there is an administrative committee working on this document that will be coming to the Planning Committee for review on June 16.

2009/10 MHSAA Membership – no discussion

**ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA** – *scheduled for approval at this meeting**09-015 – Government*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve the purchase of **American Government** in the amount of \$95,164.36 from Prentice Hall/Pearson Magruder. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*09-016 – AP Government*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve the purchase of **American Government: Roots and Reform**, in the amount of \$32,066.28 (shipping included) from Pearson. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*09-019 – Calculus*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve the purchase of **Calculus: Early Transcendentals Single Variable 9<sup>th</sup> Edition**, in the amount of \$93,454.56 (shipping included) from Wiley. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*09-020 – Personal Fitness*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve the purchase of **Foundations of Personal Fitness 2005 Edition** in the amount of \$43,704.36 (shipping included) from Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*09-021 – Health*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve the purchase of **Teen Health Course 3 2009 Edition** in the amount of \$57,150.68 (shipping included) from Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Naming of Pioneer High School Track*

Trustee Nelson, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to name the Pioneer High School Track after Bryan Westfield. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Millage Resolution*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve the millage resolution for 2009/10. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*2009/10 Proposed Budget*

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the FY 2009/10 Budget as presented. Trustee Nelson commented that it's important that the community look at the budget and look at other funding measures. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent. The state is not able to come to our aid as we had once thought.

*09-023 Lighting Equipment Contractor Recommendation*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, moved to approve Voss Lighting, Madison Electric and Gross Lighting for the lighting equipment bid. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*09-024 Renewal of Supplemental Custodial*

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve Fas-Temps as the contractor the Supplemental Custodial Services and also approve the next lowest available contractor should the need arise for additional personnel. Trustee Baskett raised concern about the low rate of pay of the custodial service. It was explained that this company met the bid requirements. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-1, Trustee Baskett voting no, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Pioneer Easement*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte approved the permanent easement to the City of Ann Arbor for Pioneer property. Also, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to sign the agreed-upon document. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*09-026 - AAPD/AAPS School Liaison/Law Enforcement Contract*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, approved the contract between the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Ann Arbor Police Department as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*2009/10 MHSAA Membership*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, approved the MHSAA membership resolution as presented for Huron, Pioneer and Skyline High Schools for the 2009-10 school year. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Approve Expense Reimbursements to Trustees*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, approved the expense reimbursements to Trustees as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Approve minutes of the 5/27/09 Regular Meeting*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, approved the minutes of the 5/27/09 Regular Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Approve minutes of the 5/27/09 Executive Session*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Mexicotte, approved the minutes of the 5/27/09 Executive Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Gift Offers*

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

**ACTION – BOARD ITEMS***Resolution on Social Climate*

Asked about adding the student recommendation from Youth Senate. Mexicotte did not support this because it was not one of the priorities of the study session on social climate. Recommends moving forward tonight so that Dr. Roberts can develop plans.

*Sunset Policy Reauthorization (1000 and 2000 series)*

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant moved to reauthorize all 1000 and 2000 series policies sunsetting June 30, 2009. On voice vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Policy Reinstatement Pending Review (2310-Administrative Hiring; 5110-Homeless Students; 6120-Pilot Projects/Innovation; and 7220-Parent & Booster Organizations)*

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Nelson moved to reinstate policies 2310, 5110, 6120 and 7220 until June 30, 2010 to allow time for further review. On voice vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

*Suggested Policy Revisions (1500-Board Policy and 1520-Sunset Provisions)*

Trustee Mexicotte, supported by Trustee Nelson moved to revise policy 1500 and 1520 as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Friedman absent.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Roberts read his report.

## **ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING**

A tentative agenda planner was provided for 09/10.

## **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Trustee Gates-Bryant - Attended the BigWigs game. She noted that Ebba Hierta has done an excellent job with those kids. She attended a tea last Saturday hosted by the Clague spirit girls to raise money to build a well in Africa. They met their goal of \$5,000.

Trustee Nelson attended graduations. Stopped by the Slusser gallery and looked at the exhibit put on by our schools in cooperation with the UM, and was impressed by the quality of the work.

Trustee Baskett – thanked the Scarlett community and Ms. Buchan for allowing her to chaperone the all-nighter. Congrats to graduates.

Trustees and the Superintendent shared their thoughts about Karen Cross' time on the board. Wished her farewell as she retires from the board after 10 years of service.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

10:05 pm