



CALL TO ORDER

7:04 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Hollier led the pledge

ROLL CALL

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

Present from Administration – Comsa, Allen, Margolis, 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

None.

REPORTS

Youth Senate – Students served on Youth Empowerment Project Summer Research and Marketing Team. Some projects included: researching funding for youth initiative projects from international non-governmental organizations fighting poverty in West Africa and updating the Teen Yellow Pages listing contact information for area nonprofit organizations. Also reported on the new AmeriCorps/VISTA team coordinating the efforts of the Youth Senate projects. Recognized PHS sophomore Judith Rontol for her help coordinating volunteers during Art Fair.

Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee – Representative reported on areas needing improvement in schools with regard to students with special needs. The committee is also working to improve transportation for students with special needs.

Ann Arbor Education Association – Brit Satchwell reported that teachers go above and beyond to bring the best educational experience to our students. Encouraged community to become informed about school finance and the enhancement millage which will be necessary to maintain the current program in the Ann Arbor Public Schools. Requested that parents drop a kind note to their child's teacher some time this year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Performance** - Next meeting will be September 17th at 6:00 pm @ Balas Superintendent's Conference Room. Public is welcome.
- **Planning** - Next meeting will be September 15th at 6:30 pm @ Balas Superintendent's Conference Room. Public is welcome.

INFORMATION

- Ms. Margolis presented a Powerpoint regarding the H1N1 Influenza A Update, providing basic information about the virus, intervention options, CDC recommendations, and the



district's plan. This information is available in the form of a narrated Quicktime movie on our website.

- Dr. Roberts presented his goals for 09/10:
 - Increased student achievement – narrowing gaps between highest and lowest performing student groups
 - Continued work on improving equity
 - Continue transition planning for Huron and Pioneer to maintain and improve their excellence
 - Complete Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan

- Trustees presented their goals for 09/10:
 - Increasing student enrollment
 - Securing adequate resources
 - Greater insights on school climate and actions to improve climate as needed

FIRST BRIEFING – None.

SECOND BRIEFING – scheduled for approval at this meeting
B04-222 – Pioneer Contractor Recommendations
No concerns were raised.

ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA – scheduled for approval at this meeting
B04-222 – Pioneer Contractor Recommendations
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant moved to award the following contracts for Pioneer High School bond projects:
Beal, Inc. – General Trades in the amount of \$489,365
Huron Valley Electric – Electrical in the amount of \$209,920
Systemp Corporation – Mechanical in the amount of \$327,060
Shiffer Mason Contractors – Masonry in the amount of \$145,880
William Reichenbach – Acoustical & Drywall in the amount of \$199,300
Shock Brothers Floorcovering – Carpet & Resilient Flooring in the amount of \$76,450
G.M. Painting – Painting in the amount of \$21,675
Curtis Glass – Aluminum, Glass & Glazing in the amount of \$126,200
Artisan Tile – Hard Tie & Terrazzo in the amount of \$42,300
On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Draft Minutes of August 19, 2009 Regular Meeting
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Gates-Bryant, moved to approve the minutes of the 8/19/09 Regular Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Welcomed everyone to a new school year. First day went well. Thanks to
 - Building staff members for assisting students
 - Custodians and maintenance workers for getting the building ready
 - Transportation



- The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority incorporated, Delta Psi Omega Chapter hosted a successful Back to School Educational Summit at Skyline on August 29. Thanks to Ruth Williams and Natasha York for their work in organizing the event.
- The Pioneer choirs had a successful trip to China in late June. In addition to their scheduled performances, the students gave many short, impromptu concerts while sightseeing at the request of other tourists. One of their highlights was to sing “The Star Spangled Banner” from atop the Great Wall.
- The AAPS Environmental Education program received a \$19,000 grant from the James A and Catherine Knight Foundation to develop an interactive website, based on the outdoor field trips we offer our students, for their parents to visit and explore. The goal is to increase awareness and stewardship of local ecosystems.
- Tappan Middle School’s Agrarian Adventure received a \$16,000 grant from the Women’s Farm and Garden Association to expand its mission to connect students with food, health, community and agriculture. Tappan’s garden and greenhouse was featured on the Association’s Garden Walk in June.
- The First Steps Program received a \$3,000 grant from the Target Corporation for their literacy work for the 4th year in a row.
- Pioneer Social Studies teacher, Tracey Van Dusen, was one of three national finalists selected to participate in C-SPAN’s annual teacher fellowship in Washington D.C. From June 18th through July 18th, Tracey worked on:
 - Curriculum revision and planning for C-SPAN’s educational support materials.
 - Planning and presenting at C-SPAN’s teacher conference.
 - Development of web-based learning including the design and content of C-SPAN’s website
 - Collaborative instruction across school districts nationally through use of social networking sites.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

None

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Gates-Bryant was unable to make opening day, but will visit schools over the next few weeks.

Trustee Nelson thanked the Ed Foundation for the successful golf outing. Attended the opening day ceremony. Noted that Jeff Kass was phenomenal.

Vice President Patalan – mentioned about President Obama welcoming the students back noting that he spoke to the students the importance of taking responsibility for doing their best. President Mexicotte attended opening day; it has been an extremely smooth start of school. Thanked everyone involved with the schools for making it so.

ADJOURNMENT

8:38 pm.