



CALL TO ORDER

7:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Nelson led the pledge

ROLL CALL

Present – Trustees Baskett, Friedman (Treasurer-arrived at 7:50 pm), Hollier, Mexicotte (President), Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President)

Absent – Trustee Gates-Bryant

Present from Administration – Simpson, Margolis, Trent, Osinski (Recorder)

Guests – Harry Sheehan

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 – To reinforce parent encouragement and academic success for teens, Candy Grams will be conducted during Parent/Teacher conferences at Huron and Skyline. An information table was offered at Pioneer conferences. Noted that there are several new school-based organizations for student involvement. Information from these groups can be used to identify motivational ideas for teen involvement. A district-wide survey is in the planning stages to explore how extracurricular activities reflect student culture.

Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee – Reported on a planning meeting with administration to discuss loss of instructional time due to transportation issues and ensuring proper equipment is available for special needs students attending field trips. Thanked Bill Harris for attending the October meeting to update on Middle School services. Disability Awareness Workshops begin in November. Voiced support for the county enhancement millage.

Ann Arbor Administrators Association– Mike Madison thanked various members of administration for their assistance and expertise throughout the year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Performance - have not met since last Board meeting. Next meeting is November 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm, Balas Superintendent's Conference Room. Open to the public.

Planning – met on October 6 to discuss tonight's first briefing items. Next meeting will be held November 3 at 6:30 pm, Balas Superintendent's Conference Room. Open to the public.

INFORMATION

Pioneer Stormwater Containment Project - Mr. Trent and Harry Sheehan, Water Resource Commissioner, presented an update. This project is a multi-year, collaborative effort between the city, county and Ann Arbor Public Schools, to manage stormwater runoff to Allen Creek.

FIRST BRIEFING

09-033 Integrated Pest Management Services – Presented by Mr. Trent.
District’s policy is that we use products with the least impact/toxicity.

09-034 Environmental Consulting Services – Presented by Mr. Trent.

09-035 Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Abatement Services – Presented by Mr. Trent.

09-036 Pediatric Therapy Associates – Presented by Mr. Simpson.
Trustees appreciated the contractor evaluation.

SECOND BRIEFING – scheduled for approval at this meeting

09-031 Community Education and Recreation Catalog printing bid recommendation – no further discussion.

09-032 Adoption of Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES) - no further discussion.

ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA – scheduled for approval at this meeting

09-031 Community Education and Recreation Catalog printing bid recommendation
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to award Woodward Printing a contract in the amount not to exceed \$130,000 for printing the Community Education and recreation Activity and Youth Catalogs for the 2009/10 and the 2010/11 school years. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, Trustees Gates-Bryant and Friedman absent.

09-032 Adoption of Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES)
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to approve the purchase of the Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES) from Talent Assessment, Inc. in the total amount of \$136,318. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, Trustees Gates-Bryant and Friedman absent.

Approve minutes of the 9/23/09 Regular Meeting
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to approve the minutes of the 9/23/09 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, Trustees Gates-Bryant and Friedman absent.

Approve minutes of the 10/1/09 Regular Meeting
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to approve the minutes of the 9/23/09 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0, Trustee Gates-Bryant absent.

Approve Executive Session minutes of the 8/19/09 and 10/1/09 meetings
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to approve the minutes of the 8/19/09 and 10/1/09 Executive Session. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, Trustees Gates-Bryant and Friedman absent.

Gift Offers
Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to accept the gift offers as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, Trustees Gates-Bryant and Friedman absent.

ACTION – BOARD ITEMS

Student Discipline

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to expel Student A from the Ann Arbor Public Schools for 180 days for violation of Michigan Compiled Law 380.1311 and the Ann Arbor Public Schools Discipline Policy, for actions occurring on September 25, 2009. Furthermore, the district recommends Student A attend COPE as an educational opportunity consistent with the student's academic needs. On roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0, Trustees Gates-Bryant and Friedman absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts informed the Board and public that new legislation to decrease student funding \$165/pupil is being considered. This will create a \$2.7 million loss in our district, plus additional early childhood funding deductions.

- Ann Arbor has 61 2009 National Merit Semi-Finalists: Pioneer=32; Huron=23; Community=6
- Pioneer seniors, Spencer Johnson and Jacob Postema, each received a perfect score, 36, on the ACT.
- Pioneer students, Kyle Anderson and Aidan Barrer, put together a rap video about the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, for their American Studies class with Mr. Richards last year. They posted the video on YouTube and it caught the attention of a producer from New York, who asked permission to use a portion of the video in a documentary about the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The documentary was featured this past Monday and Tuesday on the History Channel.
- Wednesday, October 7, was National Walk to School Day. The schools that participated, Logan, Dicken and Carpenter, want to thank the Transportation Department for working with them to coordinate alternative drop off points.
- Members of the Huron Marching Band Drumline volunteered their time and talent to add to the fun of the Big House Big Heart run. They played at the halfway point of the 5k run and then played along the route of the 1-mile fun run. They finished the day by playing through the tunnel and into the Big House. We want to thank the Huron Drumline for volunteering their time and for making the event more enjoyable for the runners.
- Thurston teacher, Michael Johnson, was honored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Psi Omega Chapter at their 8th Annual Celebration of Black Men Brunch. He was honored for his contributions to education.
- Last week, a delegation of 14 junior high school students and two chaperones, from our Sister City, Hikone, Japan, visited Ann Arbor. In addition to attending classes with their hosts, the students spent a day at Greenfield Village. A special delegation from Ann Arbor will visit Hikone later this month to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the sister city relationship between our two cities.
- Homebuilding teacher, John Birko reports that this is the 40th year and the 40th house built by the Ann Arbor Student Building Industries Program

- Stone High School teacher, Joanna Johnson won a grant from DonorsChoose.org for a project called "Cooking Class." This donation is for approximately \$500.00 worth of equipment that she will use to help our students gain life-skills in food preparation.
- Scarlett teacher Salavador Barrientes, Jr., has been awarded national recognition from the National Council of Teachers of English.
- I want to thank Tyrone Weeks and the Rising Scholars for inviting me to their class on October 3
- Thanks to Randy Trent, Dave Szczygiel, and Steve Schaffer for joining me in a presentation to the Gray Panthers about what the Ann Arbor Public School District is doing to educate our children about climate change as well as what practices we have in place as a district to protect the environment
- Public Forums on the Washtenaw County Enhancement Millage: 10/15 @ 7:00 p.m. - Huron High School, Little Theater and 10/19 @ 7:00 p.m. - Pioneer High School, Little Theater

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

No items

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Nelson noted that the state has not distributed stimulus funds as was intended, thus leaving school districts behind once again. Reiterated the need for local control of funding wherever possible.

Trustee Baskett – Requested that the Village Fund could possibly pay for a high school parking pass for a family in need, and if not appropriate, she would pay it herself.

ADJOURNMENT

8:15 pm