



7:03 pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice President Patalan

**ROLL CALL**

Present – Trustees Hollier, Mexicotte (President), Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President)  
Absent – Trustees Baskett, Friedman (Treasurer), Gates-Bryant  
Administration Attending: Simpson, Trent, Allen, Osinski (Recorder)  
Others Attending – Dave Szczygiel, Stephen Schaffer

**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**

- Kathy Robenault requested the consideration to use sinking fund dollars to update athletic facilities.
- Mark Quigley requested an investigation of Great Lakes Environmental vehicle maintenance practices and also spoke against the WISD millage.
- Ted Annis spoke against the millage.
- Niki Warner spoke against the millage.
- Kathy Griswold spoke against the millage and requested the district work toward a sustainable model for education.

**REPORTS**

**Youth Senate** – reported on the WISD millage and the possible impact on high school students.

**Black Parent Student Support Group** – reported on 10/27 meeting discussion of new graduation requirements and its impact on first year students; African American student achievement with a goal to address success for all students. Meetings are scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee** – reported on Disability Awareness Workshops scheduled at various elementary schools. Workshops are being planned for parents and families, staff and Board Trustees. Encouraged voting in support of the WISD millage on November 3.

**Parent Teacher Organization Council** – reported on successful launch party where donations were collected for Food Gatherers. Discussed PTO challenges, celebrating diversity and volunteer participation. Next meeting is 11/16 @ 7pm – Balas Main Conference Room. All are welcome.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning** – November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be rescheduled due to election.

**Performance** – Next meeting is November 9 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**INFORMATION**

David Szczygiel and Stephen Schaffer presented an informative Powerpoint of the **Science and Environmental Education programs**. Students in all grade levels receive a wide variety of experiences through both of these programs and they have been adapted to enhance the district's curriculum for many years. Also, Randy Trent presented an update of the district's **environmental practices**. Mr. Trent noted that we have saved about \$5million just in the last 5 years.

**FIRST BRIEFING**

None

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

09-033 Integrated Pest Management Services – no further discussion.

09-034 Environmental Consulting Services – no further discussion.

09-035 Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Abatement Services – no further discussion.

09-036 Pediatric Therapy Associates – no further discussion.

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

*09-033 Integrated Pest Management Services*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier moved to approve Griffin Pest Solution, Inc. to perform various integrated pest management services on an as-needed basis for the Ann Arbor Public Schools from December 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant absent.

*09-034 Environmental Consulting Services*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to approve EKS Environmental Consultants and TEC t perform various environmental environmental consulting services on an as-needed basis for the Ann Arbor Public Schools from December 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant absent.

*09-035 Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Abatement Services*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to approve Great Lakes Environmental, Inc. to perform various abatement services on an as-needed basis for the Ann Arbor Public Schools from December 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant absent.

*09-036 Pediatric Therapy Associates*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to approve contracts to Pediatric Therapy Associates for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$621,600. On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant absent.

Approved minutes of the 10/14/09 Regular Meeting

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Hollier, moved to the minutes of the 10/14/09 Regular Meeting. On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant 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 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant absent.

**ACTION – BOARD ITEMS**

*Motion to hold an Executive Session on November 18, 2009 for the purpose of an informal evaluation of the Superintendent.*

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson moved to hold an Executive Session of the board on November 18, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the District Library for the purpose of superintendent evaluation. On roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0; Trustees Baskett, Friedman and Gates-Bryant absent.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- On October 17th, 60 singers from the Ann Arbor Public Schools traveled to Monroe, MI. to participate in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Regional Honors Choir, and to audition for the State level choirs. This is the largest number of singers from Ann Arbor in over 15 years, and quite possibly the largest number from any of the participating schools! These students were all very well prepared and represented the AAPS at the highest level in musicianship and conduct.
- Huron Science teacher and Planetarium Director, Steve Schaffer, received the following note from Pioneer Social Studies teachers Rebecca Ball and Karla Hitchcock: "Karla and I would like to thank you so much for the exciting planetarium show you presented to our world history classes last week. The Planetarium is such a valuable resource for our students, and your presentation truly expands their understanding of the ancient world and its interpretation of the cosmos. Your presentation broadens their knowledge across cultures and across curricula, building connections between social studies and science. Thank you so much for your hard work. We so appreciate you taking the time to make the planetarium available to our students every semester."
- On October 12, WDIV Channel 4, featured a story about Community High School's student newspaper "The Communicator" for being one of seven finalists for the prestigious Pacemaker Award, a national award often called the Pulitzer Prize of high school journalism.
- Fourth grade teacher at Logan Elementary, Lynne Gulick, was very happy to inform her last year's students (2008/2009 fourth grade- now in fifth grade) that, after a long wait, they recently received a beautiful, autographed portrait of President Obama and autographed letter which prominently displayed the Presidential Seal. In class, each student wrote to the President about their real concerns as young people and offered thoughtful, authentic solutions for him to consider. President Obama's letter was dated September 8, 2009, commemorating his speech to students. After framing, the portrait and letter will hang in Mrs. Gulick's class room.

Dr. Roberts encouraged everyone to vote for the enhancement millage November 3 election.

**ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING**

Patalan reminded the community that the superintendent is evaluated 3 times each year. He will provide board with material for review prior to the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Trustee Hollier reminded the community that the election to approve a millage to support county-side districts is this Tuesday. He works for a state representative and fields calls from citizens angry about loss of funding to their school districts. Most districts do not have any opportunity to do what we're able to do with a millage. He noted that no Board would be a responsible steward of money and allow their "ship" to sink.

Trustee Nelson noted that in order for our students to be prepared, they need the best education possible. We won't be able to do that if the millage fails. Good schools are good for the community. If these cuts are retained, our per pupil funding will be lower than 2002-03 levels. The Millage is essential. He urges everyone to vote yes on the millage proposal. Thanked the scores of people who are working so hard on this millage.

Trustee Patalan recently talked to someone wanting to move to Ann Arbor, knowing something was special about it. Doing the right thing always costs a little more. Encourages us to vote yes. Get correct information and make an informed vote on Nov. 3

Trustee Mexicotte noted that the district has made cuts since she's been on the board. We have reorganized and consolidated and cut and shifted monies to bring efficiencies, even though we have been required to do more. We have continued work on equity issues, have recovered tax money that was due to us. We have cut \$6 million every single year. She disputed the information about the district that was presented during public commentary. The decision to go out for a county-wide millage was a decision by the 9 districts in the county. They came together to find a way to maintain our excellence. If the community thinks that the current Board are being poor stewards of the money, then bring forward candidates to replace them. Students should not be punished.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:39 pm