



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), Thomas

Present from Administration: Margolis, Allen, Comsa, 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Vollmers and USA Hockey team captains Andy Ryan, Jake McCabe and Tyler Biggs shared their team’s accomplishments and service to the district.

Kiwanis Club president Ann Mattson shared information about the group’s 40-year history providing scholarships to AAPS students.

Intergroup/Social Change Agents (SCA) students Sruthi Naraharasettie (Huron), Ryan Hibbs (Huron) and Nate Graulich (Stone), along with coordinators Naomi Warren and Mikel Brown, shared their experiences in the program.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Kent Olson spoke against privatization of child care workers.
- Connie Devine spoke against privatization of childcare workers.
- Chai Montgomery spoke against the county-wide transportation consolidation plan.
- Thomas Partridge spoke in support of county-wide consolidation in K-12 schools to preserve jobs, but transfer money to academic programs.
- Kathy Griswold read a prepared statement regarding Thurston driveway safety issues.
- Sonia Lewis spoke in support of child care workers.

REPORTS

Youth Senate – Raised concern about bus scheduling and inconsistency in the media center opening time. New math graduation requirements may make it difficult for students to be successful in high school. Consistency between high schools in structuring finals was questioned. Skyline students remain in school for the entire day, while Huron, Pioneer & Community get half-days during finals. Summer volunteer teams are now registering.

AAPAC – Need stronger oversight at central and building level for coordination of ancillary services. Concern about graduating students with IEP’s or 504’s with 3.0 or higher GPA, but low ACT and failing COMPASS test scores. Request contacts for administering personal curriculum and 504 plans. Allow parents opportunity to meet with teachers and TA’s to plan for next year. The next meeting will be 6/14, 7pm, Room B327 at Skyline.

PTOC – Provided information about advocacy committee and parent postcard campaign.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning –Next meeting will be held June 16, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

Performance – Next meeting will be held June 10 at 6:00 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Congratulations to the Class of 2010. Last week and last Monday we held commencement ceremonies for our high schools. We are proud of all our graduating seniors and want to recognize and thank all the Ann Arbor Public Schools staff members who assisted these students throughout their school career.

- The Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad was held last weekend and was attended by approximately 1200 students in grades 2 – 5 representing 19 elementary schools from Washtenaw County. A number of our Ann Arbor schools won ribbons, but Lawton Elementary was the overall champion in each grade level. Congratulations to all the winners and also to all the competitors for their great Sportsmanship.

- The Ann Arbor District Library had 253 submissions this year to its annual Teen Short Story Contest and AAPS had 15 finalists, one first place, two second-place and two third-place winners.

- Kayla Stoler, Community High School Senior, was recognized as one of 24 Outstanding High School Graduates by the Detroit News. Kayla earned recognition as the Detroit Media Partnership Scholar in Language Arts.

- A Clague eighth grade student, Atulya Shetty, has qualified to represent the U.S. in the 2010 World Youth Chess Championships (WYCC) scheduled to be held in Greece in October.

- The Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority recognized eight middle school students for their leadership, commitment to academics, and service within the local community and awarded two Pioneer students scholarships for post-secondary study.

- The Pioneer women's tennis team won their fifth state championship this past weekend in Midland.

- The Pioneer Crew Team competed in St. Catherine's, Ontario last weekend in the prestigious Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association Regatta. One hundred and thirty-four teams from Canada and the United States competed in the three-day race. Pioneer set a new club record by finishing sixth overall and first among the US schools.

- The Skyline High School Orchestra, under the direction of Andrea Cowper, won three top awards at the Festivals of Music national competition held in Sandusky, Ohio.

- In a productive partnership, all Logan 5th graders participated in hands on science demonstrations with Don Yeatts' 11th and 12th grade students at Huron. The younger scientists were able to see connections between their 5th grade science lessons and how those lessons will help them with their high school physical science lessons. The Science Extravaganza Day was funded by the AAPS Educational Foundation.

- Huron Social Studies and Business teacher Dorothea Bryant has been selected by the National Association of Japan-America Societies to represent the Ann Arbor community and study in Japan this summer.

INFORMATION*High School Update – Skyline*

Skyline team presented a Powerpoint that provided an update on each grade and department's progress.

FIRST BRIEFING*Food Service Contract Renewal*

Allen presented the renewal recommendation. Allen will provide with statistics on free & reduced lunch. We have a district-wide nutrition committee and have exceeded federal guidelines for nutrition. Primary concern is repetitiveness of menu. Noted the district is developing a better survey to gain parent and student input. Do not anticipate a price increase. Any change in the program will be communicated by website, email, and mail prior to school starting.

President Mexicotte suggested that we utilize our contractor review process. Would be helpful to have a survey that the district could conduct at the end of the year and requested that this be done.

MHSAA Membership Renewal

The annual update for MHSAA membership was presented.

Policy Updates – Planning/Performance

The following policies were presented for reauthorization for 6 months to gain further input from administration on potential revisions: 3760-Transportation, 6120-Pilot Projects; 4300-Evaluatoin; 7220-Parent 7 Booster Organizations. President Mexicotte spoke to the history behind the Pilot Project policy and noted that it may be an obsolete idea. Requested that both committees review it to determine if revisions need to be made, or if it should be deleted.

Roberts noted that one of the issues is not knowing what "initiative" would fit into this process; what project would qualify as needing this oversight.

SECOND BRIEFING – scheduled for approval at this meeting*County-wide Transportation Consolidation*

Brian Marcel spoke to the history of the consolidation process and reasoning behind it. Noted that the teams who came up with the plan were comprised of current administration and transportation staff. Special Ed routing will change. General Ed routing would not be changed for the coming school year. The goal was to save \$1.5 million. The estimate now is about \$1.3 million in savings. Some of the efficiency savings will not be realized in the first year. WISD wants to take into account the experience of the drivers, not just the number of years an individual has worked.

Trustees expressed concern with the lowest paying employees taking a pay cut, and those in administrative positions would get a pay increase.

Trustee Nelson commented that the plan protects students. Stead commented that this is a better option to at least maintain bus drivers and their pensions.

Currently Lincoln, Willow Run and Ypsilanti school districts will be part of the consolidation. Chelsea is not proceeding with busing of spec ed students, but they would participate in picking up students.

Requested approval to move forward with the planning and a contract 6/18.

President Mexicotte urged Teamsters to submit their proposal by the 6/18 deadline.

10-007 AP Biology Textbook Adoption –no discussion

2010/11 Budget – no discussion

Millage Resolution – no discussion

ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA – scheduled for approval at this meeting

10-007 AP Biology Textbook Adoption

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the purchase of 175 AP Biology textbooks from Pearson-Prentice Hall in the amount of \$23,094.23. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

2010/11 Budget

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the Budget for FY 2010/11 as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Millage Resolution

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the millage resolution as presented. On roll call vote the motion carried 7-0.

County-wide Transportation Consolidation

Will post the resolution on the website. Suggested that the savings could be translated to better wages/benefits for employees.

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Stead, moved to approve the Resolution as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Approve Minutes of the 5/26/10 Executive Session

Vice President Patalan, supported by Trustee Nelson, moved to approve the minutes of the 5/26/10 Executive Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

ACTION – BOARD ITEMS

Trustee Nelson, supported by Trustee Lightfoot, moved the following:

**Resolution In Support of Using School Aid Fund Revenues
for preK-12 Education**

Whereas, observers of Lansing policymakers, such as the Michigan Public Radio Network (June 7, 2010), report that some policymakers are seriously considering using a portion of the School Aid Fund to pay for state programs other than preK-12 education,

Whereas, State Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop stated such a reallocation “has to be an option” (MPRN, June 7, 2010) and thus confirmed the reallocation is being seriously considered,

Whereas, using all available revenues in the School Aid Fund for preK-12 education would still leave the Foundation Allowance per Student FTE in FY 2011 well below the levels of fiscal year 2009 as illustrated by the House passed SB 1163 (H-4), and

Whereas, the education of our children and youth should be a high priority in practice and not just in political oratory.

Now therefore, the Board of Education of the Ann Arbor Public Schools resolves

- We strongly support using the revenues of the School Aid Fund for preK-12 education as has been true in recent years and as was intended by the establishment of the School Aid Fund,
- We strongly oppose moving programs from the General Fund into the uses of the School Aid Fund, and
- We strongly oppose shifting funds from the School Aid Fund to the General Fund in order to enhance funding of programs in the General Fund budget at the expense of preK-12 students.

And we direct the Secretary to distribute copies of this resolution to

- The Honorable Jennifer Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan
- The Honorable Mike Bishop, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate
- The Honorable Andy Dillon, Speaker of the Michigan House
- The Honorable Liz Brater, Senator, 18th District
- The Honorable Pam Byrnes, Speaker Pro Tempore, Representative, 52nd District
- The Honorable Rebekah Warren, Representative, 53rd District
- Local representatives of the media.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion to hold an Executive Session at 5:30 pm on June 23, 2010 for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation

Trustee Patalan, supported by Trustee Stead, moved to approve an Executive Session at 5:30 pm on 6/23/10 for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING

None.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Nelson reminded the community that the filing deadline is August 10 for board candidates and that an Information session for prospective candidates will be held at Balas on June 30 @ 5:30 pm. There are 5 openings on the board.

Trustee Lightfoot attended MASB training. Visited Thurston, Lakewood. College and Career Ready meeting was successful. Enjoyed attending graduations.

Trustee Baskett thanked the middle school planning centers – Slauson, Tappan and Scarlett. Need some consistency.

ADJOURNMENT

12:46 am