

Notes from the  
January 18, 2012  
BoE Meeting

# Board Notes



Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education  
Quick notes from the Board of Education meetings...

## Board of Education

### ***Key Actions from the January 18, 2012 Meeting***

**Regular Meetings\***  
All meetings listed below are **open to the public** and held at the downtown District Library unless otherwise noted.

January 25, 2012,  
Committee of the Whole, 5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

February 1, 2012,  
7pm

February 8, 2012,  
Committee of the Whole, 5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

February 15, 2012,  
7pm

March 7, 2012, 7pm

March 14, 2012,  
Committee of the Whole, 5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

March 21, 2012,  
7pm

April 11, 2012, 7pm

April 18, 2012,  
Committee of the Whole, 5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

\*Schedule subject to change. Please consult website for current dates and times:  
[http://a2schools.org/aaps/boe.home/meeting\\_schedule](http://a2schools.org/aaps/boe.home/meeting_schedule)

#### **Student Presentation...**

Performance by the Tappan Chamber Orchestra, led by Joe DeMarsh.

#### **Public Commentary...**

Aoxue Tang, Kelley Earhardt and Priya Menon gave Youth Senate report. Jim Turner expressed concern about recent board decisions.

#### **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees...**

Andy Thomas and Simone Lightfoot were officially sworn in as trustees of the AAPS Board of Education.

#### **Officers Elected & Appointed...**

Deb Mexicotte – President  
Christine Stead – Vice President  
Irene Patalan – Treasurer  
Andy Thomas – Secretary  
Simone Lightfoot - Parliamentarian

#### **Designation of Groups and Students to Participate at Board Meetings...**

AAEA, AAAA, PTOC, AAPAC, BPSSG, Student Reports (Youth Senate representatives alternating with students from A2 Tech, Community, Clemente, Huron, Pioneer and Skyline).

#### **Administrative Committee Assignments...**

Expulsion Hearing/Grade Change/Reinstatement Panel – Stead/Lightfoot  
City/Schools – Baskett/Patalan/Stead  
Recreation Advisory Committee – Nelson  
Celebration of Excellence – Patalan  
Transportation Safety Committee – Mexicotte  
Ann Arbor Educational Foundation – Thomas  
Youth Senate\* – Lightfoot  
Health Place 101 – Baskett  
Washtenaw Association of School Boards (WASB) – Nelson  
WASB Legislative Relations Network (LRN) – Stead  
MASB LRN – Lightfoot

\* If requested.

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April 18, 2012,  
5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

May 16, 2012,  
5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

June 20, 2012,  
5:30 pm  
Balas Main Conf Rm

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## Key Actions from January 18, 2012 Meeting, cont.

### Information to the Board...

Robert Allen reported on the revenue conference. Surplus funds have been identified, but no increase in the school aid fund is anticipated. Any increase in the foundation allowance will probably come in the form of best practices incentives which may be based on achievement and performance. No information to contraindicate the expected \$14 million deficit in the AAPS budget was revealed. Trustees wish to pursue legal action against the State for failure to adequately fund K-12 public education, as well as legislation to change the funding structure..

### First Briefing Items...

- **Length of Board Terms**

With the state-mandated change in school board election dates to November of even-numbered years, the current 4-year term would mean electing a majority of the Board every 6 years. To avoid a majority turnover on the board, the option of 6-year terms was discussed.

- **BoardDocs Electronic Board Packet**

Trustees and administrators were given the opportunity to view the proposed electronic board packet prior to the meeting and were pleased overall. Pros & cons of an electronic packet as well as cost savings estimates will be provided at 2<sup>nd</sup> briefing.

### Board Approved...

- First Quarter Financial Report
- AAPSEF Grant Awards
- Fines & Obligations policy (6160-Issuance and Return of Textbooks and Other Educational Materials)
- Student Disciplinary Action
- Board of Canvassers report of the AAPS election held November 8, 2011.