

Board Notes



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

Board of Education

Key Actions from the September 23, 2009 Meeting

Public Comment...

- Lily Au spoke about the importance of community outreach to increase student awareness of those in need.
- Bob Geier spoke about the importance over overlapping breaks with the University of Michigan.

Information to the Board...

- Ms. Dickinson-Kelley and her team presented an update of the **Summer Learning Institute (SLI)**. This program was highly successful, doubling attendance from last year, serving over 600 students. Several unique aspects were incorporated into the program including integration of Read180 and System 44; Music and Movement for 1st grade students; weekly parent workshops; six weeks of professional development prior to SLI; weekly newsletter and summary report cards. It was noted that the program enjoyed a large turnout at Parent Night through continuous and consistent publicizing of the event.
- Ms. Hunter, along with her team, presented an update of the **Middle and High School summer school** also serving more than 600 students total in both the in-house and online programs. Middle School courses included 6th and 7th grade Read180, Math prep and MyAccess; Algebra and Biology prep were available to those students entering 8th and 9th grade. High School programs included traditional course offerings, credit recovery, 9th grade pre-teaching in Algebra and Biology and online courses. Middle school enjoyed a 89% success rate and 96% of High School students enrolled in the credit recovery program were successful.
- Larry Simpson and Bill Harris presented a review of the **Teaching & Learning Camp (TLC)** which is the professional development provided for those staff involved in Extended School Year (ESY), Rec & Ed Camps, Summer Learning Institute (SLI) and summer preschool programs. Over 180 ESY students participated in these programs.
- Dr. Roberts presented information on the **Washtenaw Schools Millage Proposal**. A millage will be on the **November 3** ballot to enhance the declining state revenue to schools. A millage proposal of this type is the only option available to address the district's projected \$15 million deficit for the 2010/11 school year. New information was shared that a proposal is currently before the state's legislators to reduce our funding by \$218 per student this year, which equates to a reduction of \$3.8 million, plus a \$350,000 reduction in preschool funding.

Next Meetings
(All Board meetings are held at the downtown District Library unless otherwise noted.)

October 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.

October 28, 2009
7:00 p.m.

November 11, 2009
7:00 p.m.

December 2, 2009
7:00 p.m.

December 16, 2009
7:00 p.m.

January 6, 2010
7:00 p.m.

January 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.

February 3, 2010
7:00 p.m.

February 24, 2010
7:00 p.m.

March 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2010
7:00 p.m.

April 14, 2010
7:00 p.m.

April 28, 2010
7:00 p.m.

**Ann Arbor
Public Schools
Board of Education**

**Board Committee
Meetings**

All Meetings held at
Balas Administration
Building
(Open to the Public)

Performance

October 1, 2009
6:00 p.m.

October 15, 2009
6:00 p.m.

November 12, 2009
6:00 p.m.

December 10, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Planning

October 6, 2009
6:30 p.m.

~~October 20, 2009
6:30 p.m.~~
CANCELED

November 3, 2009
6:30 p.m.

November 24, 2009
6:30 p.m.

December 8, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Key Actions from September 23, 2009 Meeting, cont.

First Briefing...

- Community Ed and Rec Catalog printing bid
- Adoption of Practical Assessment Exploration System (PAES)

The Board Approved...

- AAEA Agreement
- MASB Voting Delegates: Baskett, Hollier, Patalan

Association Reports...

Youth Senate – Thanked Trustee Baskett for responding to their letter requesting involvement in assessment of social climate and school culture. Five organizations have been identified to collaborate in the Fight Poverty in Africa Project.

Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee – reported the completion of our district's Disability Awareness Workshop program kit that will allow flexibility in offering this important program to schools. Johanna Mabry will serve as committee's millage contact. Workshop topics and schedules will be finalized. Next meeting will be held October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Skyline.

Parent Teacher Organization Council – 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**
 - Met on Sept. 17 to discuss partnership with Student Advocacy Center. Reviewed elementary retention policies. Will bring proposed middle school retention policy to next committee meeting along with a review of alternative programs and AYP. The next meeting will be held October 1st at 6:00 pm @ Balas Superintendent's Conference Room. Public is welcome.
- **Planning**
 - Next meeting will be October 6th at 6:30 pm @ Balas Superintendent's Conference Room. Public is welcome.

To find out more about the millage proposal, please visit:

www.aaps.k12.mi.us/2009millage/home

www.a2cmc.org

Register to Vote by October 5!