

Board Notes



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

Board of Education

Key Actions from the November 18, 2009 Meeting

Public Commentary...

- The Erkkinen family spoke about the need to retain funding of the arts.
- William Hampton reminded the community of the services they offer to African American students and thanked the Superintendent and Board for their support.
- Steve Norton spoke about the consequences of not passing the millage and urged the public to become informed of the district finances.
- Christine Stead spoke about the district finances, millage and offered her support to move forward.
- Ann Nichols requested venue for Science Olympiad. Dr. Roberts noted that a date has been secured at Skyline.

First Briefing...

- Sexual Health Education Advisory Committee recommendations.
- 2009/10 Educational Foundation Grant Awards
- Contract award for renovations to Pioneer to accommodate Rec & Ed.
- 2008/09 Annual Financial Report

The Board Approved...

- Great Start Readiness Participation Resolution for Early Childhood funding.
- Appointment of Annie-Norah Beveridge and Arjun Kalra to the Recreation Advisory Commission.

Association Reports...

Youth Senate – Weekly lunchtime Action Meetings will be held at Pioneer & Huron. High school student concerns include needing better communication with administration, off-campus privileges, ACT/SAT prep, better counselor accessibility and scheduling classes to meet the new graduation requirements. Senate has produced the Teen Yellow Pages; a useful resource for students.

Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee – reported on Disability Awareness Workshops scheduled at various elementary schools. Lecture by Judy Coucouvanis “Helping your child get along in the world: strategies for social success” will be offered December 3, 7pm at Skyline. Concerned about renewal of the WISD special education millage with the recent failure of the county-wide enhancement millage proposal.

Next Meetings

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

December 2, 2009
7:00 p.m.

December 3, 2009
Study Session-Balas
5:30 p.m.

December 8, 2009
Study Session-Balas
5:30 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

November 19, 2009
2:00 p.m.

December 10, 2009
6:00 p.m.

January 7, 2010
6:00 pm.

January 28, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Planning

November 24, 2009
~~6:30 p.m.~~
Canceled

~~December 8, 2009~~
~~6:30 p.m.~~
Canceled

December 22, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Key Actions from November 18, 2009 Meeting, cont.**Board Committee Reports...**

Planning – Met Nov. 10 to review SHEAC recommendations and Pioneer renovation bid award being presented tonight. Met Nov. 17 to review the sunset and expiring policies and divide among committees for in-depth review. Next meeting is scheduled for December 8 at 6:00 pm.

Performance – Met Nov. 9 to receive an update on Preschool and Headstart program. Also received process for student entry into alternative programs. Next meeting is Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm to review the quarterly report.

Important Announcement...

We are saddened to announce that Trustee Helen Gates-Bryant has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Please join us in thanking Trustee Gates-Bryant for her unwavering support of the Ann Arbor Public Schools and outstanding board service over the past 6 years. We will truly miss her.

A press release will be distributed today to solicit applications for Board candidates.