

# 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 6, 2010 Meeting**

\*\*Available for download in pdf from [www:http://a2schools.org/boe.home/boe\\_home](http://a2schools.org/boe.home/boe_home)

#### **Next Meetings**

(All meetings listed below are *open to the public*, and held at the downtown District Library unless otherwise noted.)

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.

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

- Darrell Wilson spoke about the concessions custodians have taken to address budget deficits over the years, and the need for their services\*\*
- Deb Palmer spoke about the dedication of the custodial staff.
- Beverly Geltner spoke about needing easier access to district information on the web.
- Ted Annis spoke about budget issues\*\*
- Howard Miller conveyed information that would be helpful for the public to provide feedback at the budget forums\*\*

#### **Information to the Board...**

Susette Jaquette provided an update on the **Options Program\*\*** which provides alternatives to the traditional classes in order to reach the highest achievement level possible. The program is available to all AAPS students grades 9-12 and the Options Magnet is available to 9-12 grade students county-wide. Online and/or blended course sections will be available in the 2010-11 course selection guide. Parents shared their positive experiences with the program.

#### **The Board Approved...**

The Resolution to sign the **Michigan Participating LEA/ISD Memorandum of Understanding** for the district to participate in the **Michigan Race to the Top** plan. The resolution includes an "Opt Out" clause should participation not be beneficial to the district when the final details are provided from the State.

#### **First Briefing...**

Linda Doernte presented the **Grant Awards for 09/10**. Sharman Speiser presented an update on **Adult Education\*\***. Representatives from the Ann Arbor District Library, Community Action Network, UM Hospital, Washtenaw County Jail and Washtenaw Literacy introduced themselves and provided a brief overview of their partnership with Adult Ed.

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Public Schools  
Board of Education**

**Board Committee  
Meetings**

All Meetings listed below are open to the public and held at Balas Administration Building unless otherwise noted.

**Performance**

January 7, 2010  
6:00 pm.  
CANCELED

January 28, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

February 11, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

March 11, 2010  
6:00 p.m.

**Planning**

January 12, 2010  
5:00 p.m.  
@ Skyline,  
Room C210

January 26, 2010  
6:30 p.m.

February 16, 2010  
6:30 p.m.

## Key Actions from January 12, 2010 Meeting, cont.

### Association Reports...

**Youth Senate\*\*** - Offered a student's perspective on Pioneer Principal White's leave of absence for military service. Skyline's chapter of junior Statesmen of American attended the Midwest Fall State Convention in Madison Wisconsin.

**Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee\*\*** – thanked Judy Coucouvanis for her presentation on “Helping your child get along in the world: *Strategies for Social Success.*” Next workshop will be given January 21 by Chuck Hatt on Read180. A flyer will be distributed with time and location of this free workshop open to all. Recognizes the challenge of budget issues. Urged Board to maintain SISS. Next meeting is February 1, 7pm at Skyline. Yolanda Bell will speak about the transition from high school to college or vocation for students with special needs.

**Ann Arbor Education Association\*\*** – President Satchwell encouraged the community and staff to become informed and attend the Community Forums on the Budget. He noted that our district, along with all districts in the state, have cut expenses in light of the State's structural deficit. He noted that the community has not really “felt” these cuts due to good planning, administrative foresight, and teachers who have done more with less.

### Board Committee Reports...

**Planning** – Next meeting is Jan. 12, 5pm at Skyline.

**Performance** – Next meeting is Jan. 28, 6:00 pm at Balas.

***MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS...***  
***We are including public comments submitted, presentations, association reports, and other handouts provided at the Board Meetings for download from the Board of Education website:***  
[http://a2schools.org/boe.home/boe\\_home](http://a2schools.org/boe.home/boe_home)

### ***Community Forums on the Budget scheduled:***

- ✓ ***January 7, 6:00 pm at Huron***
- ✓ ***January 12, 6:00 pm at Skyline***
- ✓ ***January 14, 6:00 pm at Scarlett***
- ✓ ***January 19, 6:00 pm at Pioneer***