

Board Notes



Next Meetings

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

October 15, 2008
7:00 p.m.

October 29, 2008
7:00 p.m.

November 5, 2008
7:00 p.m.

November 19, 2008
7:00 p.m.

December 3, 2008
7:00 p.m.

December 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.

January 7, 2009
7:00 p.m.

January 21, 2009
7:00 p.m.

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

Board of Education

Key Actions from the September 24, 2008 Meeting

Information to the Board...

Dr. Roberts presented the proposed goals for the district. Goals focus on increasing student achievement, continuing work on equity, implementation of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, transition planning for Huron & Pioneer, and beginning implementation of Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan.

The Board approved...

- Rec & Ed Catalog Printing bid recommendation
- Carpenter, Eberwhite and Bach renovation bid recommendations

First Briefing...

- King, Logan and Northside renovation bid recommendations
- Huron Administration renovation bid recommendation
- Policy adoptions:
 - 5150 – Elementary Attendance
 - 5160 – Elementary Reclassification-Retention
 - 5170 – Elementary Reclassification-Acceleration

Reports from Association...

- **Youth Senate**
 - Students reported on accomplishments from last year and goals for the coming year. The group is continuing its Leadership seminars, and are working on a "Leap the Gap" update to the Board in October.
- **Black Parent Student Support Group**
 - Sylvia Nesmith provided a brief overview of the past years' meetings. Some concerns expressed by parents are lack of communication and guidance regarding resources, continuing inequities among this group, over-identification of African American students in Special Education, discipline policies need clarification. They also expressed concern about the citizenship grade process preventing kids from obtaining honor roll status; there appears to be no rubric for assigning citizenship marks. More work is needed to address learning styles. Parents would like to be more involved, but have difficulty doing so during the work day.

**Ann Arbor
Public Schools
Board of Education****Board Committee
Meetings**

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

Performance

October 6, 2008
5:00 p.m.

November 3, 2008
5:00 p.m.

December 1, 2008
5:00 p.m.

January 5, 2009
5:00 p.m.

February 2, 2009
5:00 p.m.

Planning

October 7, 2008
6:00 p.m.

November 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.

November 11, 2008
6:00 p.m.

December 2, 2008
6:00 p.m.

December 30, 2008
6:00 p.m.

January 13, 2009
6:00 p.m.

January 27, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Key Actions from September 24, 2008, cont.**Reports from Associations...****▪ Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee**

- Scott White reported on the Annual Retreat held September 13. Larry Simpson and Sandra Bromley presented 3-tier intervention plan information. The PAC has targeted the areas of transition, peer mentoring and disability awareness. Will also work toward influencing positive behavior supports, differentiated learning, training and professional development, and continuum of services. Current issues of concern raised are late arrivals/early dismissals of students in self-contained classrooms. Also requested investigation of assuring instructional materials are in place for Special Education students.

▪ Ann Arbor Administrators Association

- Joan Fitzgibbon reported that after tomorrow evening, all schools have held their curriculum/capsule nights. Principals are working with staff on SIT plans and reviewing achievement data. High schools are undergoing the accreditation process. They are working on the 3-tier intervention model and reviewing inequities among students.

▪ Ann Arbor Education Association

- Linda Carter provided helpful hints for parents to develop a good relationship with their child's teachers.

Board Committee Reports...**▪ Performance**

- Next meeting will be held October 6, 5-6:30 p.m. at Balas. Public is welcome.

▪ Planning

- Reviewed the King, Logan, Northside the Huron Administration renovation bids.
- Next meeting is October 7, 6-7:30 p.m. at Balas. Public is welcome.