

BOE UPDATE

BOARD OF
EDUCATION
MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 2018

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 7, 9am
Planning

March 7, 7pm
Regular Meeting

March 14, 5:30pm
Board Retreat

March 21, 7pm
Regular Meeting

March 22, 3pm
Performance

March 23, 10am
Governance

April 4, 9am
Planning

April 4, 1pm
Finance

April 11, 7pm
Regular Meeting

April 18, 1pm
Finance

April 18, 5:30pm
Study Session

April 25, 7pm
Regular Meeting

April 27, 10am
Governance

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ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 21, 2018

Regular Meeting

Special Recognition

- In celebration of **Black History Month** Superintendent Dr. Swift shared an overview of the various activities occurring in the district
- Four students representing Elementary, Middle, and High School performed using voice and piano. First Grader Khara Gilmore recited an excerpt from Maya Angelou's poem "*Still I Rise*". Eighth Grader Kevin Payne played *Beethoven's Sonatina in F Major*. High School Juniors Kenyatta Campbell and Seth Dyer performed "*Glory*" by John Legend and Common

President's Report

- President Stead is inspired by our youth who are coming together and giving us hope. She shared that other countries, who share a culture of guns, have solved the problem of mass shootings and says this can be solved in our own country. President Stead noted the Board passed three policies against possessing dangerous weapons on school property in 2015 and emphasized that the safety of students and staff is top priority

Board Discussion

- The Board voted to add an agenda item to include statements from Trustees regarding students' First Amendment rights, in light of the mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida the week prior

Information to the Board

- Dr. Swift presented A Community Conversation as part of the **Listen & Learn 2018 Tour**. Dr. Swift and her team will be leading a tour through the district during the upcoming months and asking four questions in order to better understand the Ann Arbor Community in 2018, share progress across the district since 2013, and align with student, staff, parent, and community needs and aspirations

First Briefing

- **Bond Update & Spring, 2018 Sale of Bonds** was presented by Dr. Swift and Mr. Demetriou to complete the 2012 Tech Bond and 2015 Building and Site Bonds
- Ms. Colligan presented the **Communication & Network Maintenance Contracts 2018** recommendation for Plain Ordinary Telephone Service (POTS) to Clear Rate Communications, Verizon for Cellular Services, and Sentinel Technologies for E-Rate Hosted Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and E-Rate Network Maintenance and Managed Services
- **Planetarium Servers Replacement** recommendation to Evans & Sutherland was presented by Ms. Colligan
- Mr. Demetriou recommended the **2018 Purchase of School Buses** from Capital City Bus Sales

The Board Approved...

- **Donation** received from DonateWell
- To cast their vote for Michael P. Murphy as Director of Region 7 as part of the **MASB Board of Directors Election** to serve a three-year term

February 28, 2018

Regular Meeting

Student Performance

- 5th Grade Thurston Choir, directed by Ms. Yael Rothfeld, sang “Dynamite”, “Mary Had a Little Blues”, “Hot Cup of Cocoa”, and “The Underground Railroad”

Special Recognition

- Continuing our [Black History Month Celebration](#), 28 Skyline High School Seniors presented four of their Black History Month Show performances titled *Resist, Survive, Thrive*

President’s Report

- President Stead discussed Student Safety and stated the Board will support our students as they exercise their First Amendment rights to help put an end to the mass shootings in our country. She read the three Board Policies passed in April 2015 specific to dangerous weapons on district properties; 5400, 5410, 5420 and mentioned these policies have been challenged in court twice and may be heard by the Michigan Supreme Court very soon. President Stead reminded us all that our voice is heard through elections and “arming up” is not the answer to solving mass shootings

Information to the Board

- Mr. Demetriou presented the [January Monthly Monitoring Report](#)

First Briefing

- [Musical Instrument Purchase](#) recommendation to Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit, Michigan and Universal Melody Services of Dallas, Texas was presented by Ms. Bailey
- Ms. Bailey also presented the [Pioneer Band Uniform Purchase](#) recommendation from Stanbury Uniforms of Brookfield, Missouri
- [School Auditorium Sound System Purchase](#) recommendation through CDW Direct in Southfield was presented by Ms. Bailey
- Recommendation for [Pioneer High School Emergency Gymnasium Repair](#) recommendation was presented by Mr. Demetriou and Mr. Lauzzana

The Board Approved...

- [Bond Update & Spring, 2018 Sale of Bonds](#) to complete 2012 Tech Bond and 2015 Building and Site Bonds
- [Communication & Network Maintenance Contracts 2018](#)
 - Plain Ordinary Telephone Service (POTS) to Clear Rate Communications for a three-year contract in the amount of \$152,832.60 to be provided from the General Fund
 - Verizon for a three-year contract in the amount of \$362,797.20 for Cellular Services to be provided from the General Fund
 - Sentinel Technologies for a three-year contract for E-Rate Hosted Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) in the amount of \$779,523.99 and a three-year contract in the amount of \$1,108,560.99 for E-Rate Network Maintenance and Managed Services. Funding will be provided from the General Fund with E-Rate reimbursement applied when received
- [Planetarium Servers Replacement](#) to Evans & Sutherland of Salt Lake City, Utah in the amount of \$28,200 from 2012 Technology Bond funds
- [2018 Purchase of School Buses](#) in the amount of \$2,283,201 from Capital City Bus Sales of Lansing, Michigan to be provided from 2015 Bond funds