

BOE UPDATE

A BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING SUMMARY

MARCH 2017

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Apr 19, 7pm
Regular Meeting

Apr 20, 4pm
Performance Committee

Apr 26, 7pm
Regular Meeting

May 3, TBD
Study Session/Retreat

TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT

COFFEE HOURS

April 20, 9am
Gaynor @ Plum Market
(Plymouth/Green)

April 21, 10am
Kelly @ AADL West Branch
(Westgate Mall)

April 22, 10:30am
Stead @ Sweetwaters
(Washington)

May 2, 6:45pm
Gaynor @ Songbird Café
(Plymouth/Nixon)

Exceptional!



ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 15, 2017

Regular Meeting

Public Commentary

Ron Motsinger spoke about student apprenticeship program.

Student Performance

An ensemble from the Scarlett Orchestra performed, led by Tim Wilkins.

Information to the Board

- Ms. Minnick presented the **Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for February**. All revenues and expenses are within normal ranges.
- Ms. Bacolor shared a preview of **2017 summer camps** that will be offered through Rec & Ed. 207 camps will be offered with additional slots available in many of the popular camps. New camps include Farm, Field & Forest, Careers in Art, Sports Broadcasting, Engineering a Sustainable Future, Baseball and Preschool Hoops.
- Ms. Linden presented information regarding the annual online **Climate Survey** which will be available for parents/guardians, students in grades 3-12 and staff members from March 14-28.
- Dr. Swift presented an update on property damage occurring during the **March 8, 2017 windstorm**.
- Dr. Swift presented a draft Powerpoint overview of the **Sinking Fund Millage Proposal**.

First Briefing

2015 Bond Furniture Purchase

Ms. Linden presented a recommendation to purchase the furniture used in the pilot classrooms at Bryant, Dicken, King and A2Open from VS America in the amount of \$75,330.53.



VS Furniture in use at a pilot classroom

Modular Classroom Units Bid Recommendation

Ms. Hein presented a recommendation to purchase 4 modular teaching additions to accommodate increased student growth at Mitchell, Thurston, King and Burns Park. The bid award is recommended to Innovative Modular Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$2,954,440.

The Board Approved...

Refunding of 2008 Bonds to take advantage of favorable market conditions and lower interest rates. The refunding will ultimately reduce the interest costs of the bonds by \$1.1M.

March 22, 2017

Regular Meeting

Information to the Board

- Dr. Swift presented the **Student Conduct Report for 2015-16**. A 43% overall decrease in rates of suspension have been realized over the last 6 years. It was noted that the rates of suspension among African American, special education and economically disadvantaged students is higher than other groups and that the district is concentrating efforts to address these disparities. Mr. DeAngelis, Ms. Linden and Ms. Parks presented the various behavior support plans that are having a positive effect on overall suspension and discipline at each level. Next steps include adding elementary Intervention Specialists, continuing professional learning for building leaders and staff and strengthening proactive social/emotional supports and programming.
- Dr. Swift presented information about the **impact to Medicaid funding for special education students** under the proposed Federal budget recommendation.

The Board Approved...

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Modular Classroom Units contract award Innovative Modular Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$2,954,440.

2017 Sinking Fund Millage Community Information Meetings

Thursday, April 13, 6:30pm – Scarlett Media Center
 Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm – Forsythe Media Center
 Thursday, April 20, 6:30 pm – Tappan Media Center
 Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 pm – Clague Media Center
 Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm – Slauson Media Center

March 29, 2017

Regular Meeting

Public Commentary

Kathy Griswold and Jack Eaton spoke about the progress being made regarding student safety as a result of the district and city joint committees.

Information to the Board

- Dr. Swift presented the **Spring 2017 Student Enrollment Update**. Data presented detailed information about incoming students through the Schools of Choice (SOC) option. New SOC students enrolled for fall 2016 total 445, which includes 112 current students who moved out of the district, but were able to remain in AAPS through SOC. Overall, 7.6% of total district enrollment is attributable to Schools of Choice.
- The final informational material and video for the **2017 Sinking Fund Millage Proposal** was presented. This information will be available on the website and at all school locations.

Each Building leader will present the information to their staff and parent community. Community Information meetings will be held at each of the 5 middle schools.

The Board Approved...

A Limited School of Choice option for the 2017/18 school year.

Study Session

Ms. Minnick presented projected budget revenue and expenditure assumptions for the 2017/18 school year based on State Aid proposals from the Governor and House. *The Senate version was not available at the time of this session.* These proposals reflect a slight increase in the per pupil foundation allowance with some increase to At-Risk Funding in both proposals. The current information and

**Vote on
May 2nd!**