



**REGULAR MEETING, 5:00 PM –**

President Mexicotte called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Present – Trustees Baskett, Lightfoot, Mexicotte, Nelson, Patalan, Stead, Thomas.

Vice President Patalan moved to recess to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations and attorney/client privilege. Passed unanimously.

**RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:34 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

7:05 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Thomas led the pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

Present – Trustees Baskett, Lightfoot, Mexicotte (President), Nelson (Secretary), Patalan (Vice President), Stead (Treasurer), Thomas

Present from Administration – Margolis, Allen, Trent, Osinski (Recorder)

**INTRODUCTION OF NON-VOTING MEMBER AT THE TABLE**

President Mexicotte introduced Dr. Todd Roberts, Superintendent of Schools.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Students from the Clague Orchestra performed, led by Abby Alwin.

State Representative Rebekah Warren presented her Envision Michigan scholarships to David Shapiro-CHS, continuing to UM; Sarah Juster-CHS, continuing to Yale; and Ramona Ladin-HHS, continuing to Wayne State.

The National Gallery of Excellence award was presented to the Pioneer Omega Yearbook.

**CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

Sandy Maconochie, Teacher at Tappan Middle Schools

Nominated by: Fred Smith

Announced by: Andy Thomas

“Sandy Maconochie, my esteemed music colleague and veteran teacher, is about to retire after sharing over 32 years of experience in our district. She started out teaching in just about every elementary school but maybe 3 in the district and still she now holds probably the longest Band Directorships, over 26 years, at one of our oldest junior high / middle schools, Tappan. She has had one of very few middle school Jazz Band programs in the city. With her innovative approaches her jazz groups have worked with the likes of world music educator and leading trumpeter, Wynton Marsalis, the Lincoln Center Orchestra of New York, played for the Dexter Ann Arbor Run many years, and the first Middle School Jazz Band to be invited and play at the University of Michigan's Jazz Festival with high honors (which was mainly established for High School and College groups).

Though she is an accomplished formal Concert Band director with groups always receiving top category ratings for both MSBOA District Band Festivals and Solo and Ensemble Festivals, her love and passion lies with her Jazz Bands. Her groups have also been the first and longest,

now over 21 years, participants of the Paul Keller Orchestra's Jazz Student Outreach Program Series, sharing their stage at a professional jazz club with our students, and now shared by many. There are several parents who would like to speak to her customer service and innovative approaches for middle school students but unfortunately with the deadline of April 1st just passing and not knowing she would be retiring till now we may only get to scratch the surface to honor her long service to the Ann Arbor Public Schools and it's surrounding community properly.

She has been a beacon on a hill for our students and schools. She's always up for a challenge and usually says, "What the heck, You can always ask, they may say YES!" or "Let's keep in mind what's good for the students", and like Wynton, many times they said yes. From her humble beginnings as an AAPS school bus driver to her teaching accomplishments and honors she's a class act, most notably for those who have had her and worked with her. It has been a pleasure to work along side of her for over 24 years. (Maybe the longest running cooperative teaching pair in the district.)

*Following are edited excerpts from other comments (full, unedited version available on the website):*

Former Student & UM Graduate, Ingrid Racine...

Playing in Ms Maconochie's band programs at Tappan Middle School absolutely laid the foundation for my future as a professional musician.

Parent, Jayne Gissner:

Both my daughter Kathryn and son David have participated in the band program at Tappan. Ms. Maconochie has inspired David to get up every morning and get to school. Practice club and Jazz band is the highlight of David's school experience. He is able to express himself in a creative and healthy way with incredible support from two adults.

Parent, Jodi Johnson

Sandy Maconochie forwarded Dr. Roberts' announcement that our son, Spencer, was one of the four Presidential Scholar candidates. Sandy proceeded to shared her memories of my husband, Dave, attending and recording all of the jazz band performances the year Spencer was a member of Tappan's jazz band, allowing her to make end of the year CDs for all the band members.

Later that month, not only Sandy, but all four Tappan instrumental music teachers attended Dave's memorial service, as well as many students from Pioneer, Community and Tappan music ensembles came to support my two sons.

From Joseph DeMarsh, Orchestra Director-Tappan:

Sandy is one of the most dedicated teachers I have ever met. We have worked together daily for the past twenty years and I am constantly amazed and impressed by her patience, dedication, and insight at the difficult middle school age level. I have learned an immense amount about teaching, planning and adolescents from her."

Pat Butler, Custodian at Northside Elementary

Nominated by: Northside staff and students

Announced by: Irene Patalan

“Pat Butler is one of our custodians at Northside Elementary School. Pat has one of the best work ethics of anyone we know. She greets everyone, staff, student and parents alike with a friendly Hi! when they enter our building. Pat also has a friendly and caring demeanor with the students. Pat seldom has to be asked to do anything because it has been done way before she is asked! Pat’s sense of duty is demonstrated through her integrity and high level of energy and commitment to detail. Listed below are some staff and student thoughts on how much we love and value Pat Butler.

“I’ve worked with Pat for over ten years and she is such an asset to Northside School. Her work ethic is above reproach. Pat always has a good attitude and a happy thought to share with others. Always always a kind word for others.”

“Wow! Say a few things about Pat? How can I limit them? One of my favorite things about Pat is that she always has a smile and a kind word for others.”

“Pat Butler is by far one of my favorite people. She always asks how my family is and how my day has been.”

“Pat always treats our building as if it is her home. Her work ethic is amazing and her cheerfulness while doing her duties is never missed.”

“My classroom is one of Ms. Butler’s areas. I never have to ask her to do something because it is usually done before I even noticed it. I can’t think of a more deserving person than Pat for this award.”

“I appreciate everything Pat Butler has done for me personally and even more importantly our school building. She treats it as if it a personal mission and her job is always done with a smile a hello and a smiling face. I don’t think I have ever seen her without a smile and have never heard her utter anything but a kind word or do a nice deed for others”

Students say...

“I love Ms. Butler.”

“Ms. Butler helps our school stay clean and neat.”

“I like it when Ms. Butler says “hello cutie “to me.”

As you can see many people at Northside love and respect Ms. Pat Butler. We can think of no one who deserves the celebration of excellence award more than Pat!”

### **PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- JoAnne Darr – discussed the need for inclusion in our schools
- Priya Menon discussed the potential counselor layoffs.
- Richard Miller expressed concern with regard to county-wide transportation consolidation
- Kathy Griswold informed trustees about the safety concerns about the King School crosswalk – requests that the board and supt. Ask that the crosswalk @ King school be moved to a safer area. Wants the district to move forward with a comprehensive transp safety analysis. Thurston Driveway is another issue.
- Chai Montgomery expressed concern about the county-wide transportation consolidation

### **REPORTS**

**Youth Senate** – Fight Poverty in Africa Walkathon & YEP picnic successfully raised money to support Tostan’s mission. Seniors Abraham Liddell and Keo Robin shared their experiences.

**\*\*AAPAC** – Offered appreciation for Larry Simpson and the accomplishments and improvements in the area of special education. Reported on allowing more inclusion of special ed students. Looking for parents of special needs students to serve on the WISD Parent Advisory Committee. The next meeting will be 6/14, 7pm, Room B327 at Skyline.

**AAEA** - Thanked those who attended the rally at Skyline. Discussed proposed legislation that is not addressing the state’s structural deficit. Reminded that the Education Foundation launched its *Million Reasons* fundraising campaign, and encouraged citizens to write a check to the Foundation equal to the amount of the failed millage.

**BPSSG** – *Provided update on meeting topics through the school year. Most recently, the group discussed* publicizing information among parent population. Discussed some of the recent issues, incident at Dicken, and clarified that this group will be reconfigured. The group discussed the quality of African American History in curriculum. They will meet with Joyce Hunter to review the enhancements. Cost sharing in athletics was a concern. Need to make provisions for the families who don’t qualify for scholarships, but still find it a financial hardship for athletics costs. The group feels that the Planning Center was important, and suggests phasing out the MPC, while engaging the positive behavior model. Will be presenting suggestions to Dr. Roberts. Next year’s agenda will be prepared over the summer. Thanked for Baskett and Roberts for their continued support. Congratulated all the graduates.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning** –Next meeting will be held June 16, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Performance** – Next meeting will be held June 10 at 6:00 pm.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor held its annual scholarship awards luncheon this past Monday and awarded 29 \$1,000 scholarship to 29 graduating seniors.
- On Monday evening, the Strive Scholarship program, funded by the Ann Arbor Rotary & the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, awarded 21 scholarships to Stone High School students.
- Pioneer senior Tim VanRiper was chosen as Ann Arbor.com’s 2010 Young Citizen of the Year. The finalists from Ann Arbor were: Sarah Juster from Community; Charlie Reischl, Community and Huron; Nickta “Nicki” Sanii, Huron; and David Shapiro, Community. Congratulations to all our outstanding young citizens.
- The Ecology Club at Community High School was selected to work with the Huron River Watershed Council on 3-year project that teaches students scientific study of local waterways and connects their data results to community decisions. The students will evaluate the health of their local streams and develop skills to present their results and concerns to the community. The project is funded by a grant from Toyota.

- Huron’s Business Professionals of America Chapter attended the 2010 National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California where there were more than 5,600 participants from 27 different states! Nineteen students participated and eleven students returned national BPA winners. Three of those wins were 1st place wins in Banking & Finance, C++ Programming, and Financial Math & Analysis. Huron High School received more assessment event awards than any other school in Michigan’s Secondary Division.
- The Pioneer Women’s Crew Team won the Women’s State Championship at the Third Scholastic Rowing Association of Michigan Championship Regatta this past Saturday. The combined Pioneer Women’s and Men’s teams finished second in overall combined points. The women’s varsity coach is Suzanne Buzzell and the men’s varsity coach is Rich Griffith. The rowers will advance to the Canadian Scholastic Championship Regatta.
- Skyline Sophomore Sherry Zhao won 1st place in her grade category for a Drawing that will go into the "2010 Permanent Collection" of the World Awareness Children’s Museum in Glens Falls, New York.
- Six elementary and two middle school students have had their artwork selected by the Michigan Art Education Association for the State Elementary and Middle School Art Exhibitions on display at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids from June 1 through June 11.
- Huron High School is hosting eleven students and one teacher from Ann Arbor’s sister city Tubingen, Germany. At the end of June, Huron students will visit Tubingen for three weeks.
- The Pioneer High School Concert Band, under the direction of David A. Leach, won two top awards at the Festival of Music national competition at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.
- The Huron Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Christopher Mark, was the only high school orchestra selected to perform as the opening musical group at the Michigan Music Conference in January.
- Pioneer Band Director David Leach has been elected 2010 Band Teacher of the Year by the membership of MSBOA District 12.
- I want to thank everyone who attended the GRAMMY presentation and concert on May 16.
- Thank all our retirees for their years of service. Of those at the retirement dinner on May 18, there was 2,154 years of service. Thank President Mexicotte and Vice President Patalan for reading the tributes to honor the retirees

**INFORMATION***Enhanced Retirement Benefit Extension Request*

Mr. Comsa presented information which would allow the district a certain number of retiree employment extensions for hard-to-fill positions.

**FIRST BRIEFING***10-007 – AP Biology Textbook Adoption*

Ms. Hunter and Dr. Dolores Kingston presented the recommendation for the AP Biology textbook adoption. Replacement is necessary due to College Board AP course requirements dictate that the textbooks can be no more than eight years old.

*2010/11 Budget*

Mr. Allen presented a Powerpoint outlining the budget for the 2010/11 school year. The draft budget book is available in the Board of Education office. Trustees commented on the instability of state funding, and the need to shift tax source from manufacturing to knowledge-based. Mr. Allen noted that the conservative projections used to formulate the budget are based on our best estimates from the information currently available from the state, but also noted that this information is changing daily.

*Millage Resolution*

Mr. Allen presented the resolution necessary to levy the 2010-11 taxes.

**SECOND BRIEFING** – scheduled for approval at this meeting

1. SF10-001 - 2010 Asphalt Paving – no further comment.
2. SF10-002 - 2010 Roofing Replacement – no further comment.
3. SF10-003 - ADA Site Improvements
4. Kathy Griswold's concern was addressed by Randy Trent. Had a certified traffic engineer review and stamp the plans; parent meetings and community meetings were held. Stead noted that Trent enthusiastically discussed in committee how the community was involved in the process and supported what was being done.
5. 10-006 – Customized Behavioral Energy Conservation Program Bid Award – no further comment.
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report – no further comment
7. WISD Budget – Nelson/Stead – no further comment
8. Performance Committee Policy Update recommendations – no further comment.  
5550 – Chronic Health, 4020 – Anti-Harassment – Employees, 4050 – Personnel Policies/Handbooks, 4100 – Recruitment/Hiring, 4400 – Labor Relations, 4500 – Safety and Security, 4600 – Board of Education Ownership of Intellectual Property, 5120 – Middle School Attendance, 5130 – Middle School Retention, 6140 – Homework, 7350.R.01 – Volunteer-Background checks
9. Planning Committee Policy Update recommendations – no further comment.  
3000 – Financial Reporting, 3050 – Financial Controls

**ACTION – CONSENT AGENDA** – scheduled for approval at this meeting

## SF10-001 - 2010 Asphalt Paving

Trustee Stead, supported Vice President Patalan moved to approve contracts to ABC Paving in the amount of \$145,200; Cadillac Asphalt in the amount of \$214,937; Nagle Paving in the amount of \$93,170; T & M Asphalt in the amount of \$23,190 to perform necessary paving projects at Angell, Carpenter, Clague, Scarlett, Slauson, Tappan and Thurston. If for any reason the lowest qualified bidder is unable to perform, the next qualified bidder will be used. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

## SF10-002 - 2010 Roofing Replacement

Trustee Stead, supported Vice President Patalan moved to approve contracts to Advanced Roofing in the amount of \$1,062,848 and to Royal West Roofing in the amount of \$87,300 to perform the necessary roof repairs at Pioneer, Forsythe, Slauson, Mitchell, Clague, Northside and Huron. If for any reason the lowest qualified bidder is unable to perform, the next qualified bidder will be used. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

SF10-003 - ADA Site Improvements

Trustee Stead, supported Vice President Patalan moved to approve a contract to GM & Sons in the amount of \$73,800 to perform the necessary site improvements at Allen, Haisley, Scarlett, Stone and the Transportation building. If for any reason the lowest qualified bidder is unable to perform, the next qualified bidder will be used. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

10-006 – Customized Behavioral Energy Conservation Program Bid Award

Trustee Stead, supported Vice President Patalan moved to approve a four-year contract with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$273,193 to improve the energy conservation of the district. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

Trustee Stead, supported Vice President Patalan moved to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

WISD Budget

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, offered the following:

Washtenaw Intermediate School District Budget Resolution

**WHEREAS:**

1. Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the WISD school board to submit its proposed budget not later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review; and
2. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed WISD budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed budget, and shall submit to the WISD board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent board has to the budget; and
3. WISD board members are elected by members of local school district boards; and
4. WISD has the responsibility and means to facilitate discussion and coordinated action on the part of constituent districts; and
5. Efficient and productive policies and practices throughout public education in Washtenaw County depend in part on the level of mutual understanding and shared objectives of local and WISD board members; and
6. All constituent districts in the WISD are facing a financial crisis that demands actions to contain costs and revenues.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The board of education of the AAPS has received and reviewed the proposed WISD budget and by the adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the proposed budget.
2. The board of education of the AAPS expresses its strong support for the continued work on the part of the WISD board and administration to facilitate dialogue and collective action on the part of its constituent districts with respect to maximizing the efficient use of current revenues and enhancing future revenues.
3. The board of education of the AAPS expresses its support for the WISD board and administration, especially as we embark on a new level of consolidation of services at the intermediate school district level in a cost effective and operationally efficient manner in response to difficult economic times.
4. The board of education of the AAPS expresses its appreciation to the WISD for its efforts to initiate productive dialogue between WISD board members and members of

local school district boards. We support a continuation of these efforts in a form that may, but need not, repeat the format of 2009/2010.

5. The secretary of his/her designee shall forward a copy of this resolution to the superintendent of the WISD no later than June 1, 2010.

On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Policy Updates - Performance Committee recommendations*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to reauthorize the following policies as presented: 5550 – Chronic Health, 4020 – Anti-Harassment – Employees, 4050 – Personnel Policies/Handbooks, 4100 – Recruitment/Hiring, 4400 – Labor Relations, 4500 – Safety and Security, 4600 – Board of Education Ownership of Intellectual Property, 5120 – Middle School Attendance, 5130 – Middle School Retention, 6140 – Homework, 7350.R.01 – Volunteer-Background checks. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Policy Updates - Planning Committee recommendations*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to reauthorize the following policies, as presented: 3000 – Financial Reporting, 3050 – Financial Controls. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Gift Offers*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to accept the gift offers as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Approve Minutes of the 5/12/10 Regular Meeting*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 5/12/10 Regular Meeting as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

*Approve Minutes of the 5/12/10 Executive Session*

Trustee Stead, supported by Vice President Patalan, moved to approve the minutes of the 5/12/10 Executive Session as presented. On roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

**ACTION – BOARD ITEMS**

**ITEMS FOR AGENDA PLANNING, pp. 109**

Board Retreat in July.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Trustee Stead – Skyline event was good. Interest in funding reform. Encouraged community to think about what would be good principles for reform.

Trustee Thomas reported that the dedication and reception event in honor of Rob Lillie's 40 years of service and dedication of the gym in his name, will be held at Tappan on Sunday, June 6, 2-4 pm.

Trustee Nelson – attended a performance at the power center, Grammy concert at PHS, and retirement dinner. Noted the art shows in the area. Noted the Stone School Strive banquet celebrates the accomplishment of these students.

Trustee Lightfoot noted that the College & Career Ready community meeting continuation will be held tomorrow at Mitchell to address student achievement. Public is welcome.

Trustee Baskett attended Clemente's senior recognition. Attended Home Builder's banquet. Noted that PHS student Jasmine Thomas passed away; appreciated the teachers, students and other staff who came out in support. Congratulations to graduates – celebrate safely.

Vice President Patalan attended the Grammy concert, retirement dinner, and the rally at Skyline. Visited AAOpen.

President Mexicotte attended Portfolio day at Scarlett. Thanked Nancy Schleicher for founding this program. Appreciated Rep. Warren coming forward and noted her staunch support of education. Tried to be happy about the \$65 return to us. However, it constitutes 1/6 of the cut we've taken. And we still don't know what the final outcome will be. This is an election year, and that plays into how these decisions are made. Would like an acknowledgement that all representatives are working on this issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11:11 pm.