

BOE UPDATE

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 2018

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 9, 7:00pm
Regular Meeting

May 16, 1:00pm
Finance

May 17, 3:00pm
Performance

May 18, 10:00am
Governance

May 18, 3:00pm
Planning

May 23, 7:00pm
Regular Meeting

May 30, 1:00pm
Finance

May 30, 5:00pm
State of the Schools

TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT

COFFEE/TEA HOURS

May 3rd, 9:30-10:30am
Gaynor @ Zingerman's
in Plum Market

May 17th, 6:45-8pm
Gaynor @ Songbird Café

Exceptional!



ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

Special Recognition

- The Board Trustees shared a Moment of Silence in memory of Dicken Elementary Kindergarten teacher Shelly Vollmer who enjoyed creating with her students and previously taught at Carpenter Elementary
- [Tribute to Environmental Educator](#) – Bill Browning. Superintendent Dr. Swift and current and past members of the AAPS Community shared thoughts and memories of Mr. Browning, his leadership, influence, and ingenuity in Environmental Education

President's Report

- President Stead thanked everyone who attended the Michigan Supreme Court Hearing in Lansing and impressed upon the community that AAPS has policies for our schools and classrooms and our dangerous weapons policies will continue to be supported by the Board Members and district staff. She also spoke highly of Dr. Swift's Leadership in the Ann Arbor Public Schools and is looking forward to the future of the district under her guidance

Information to the Board

- Dr. Swift shared an [Update: Michigan Gun Owners, Inc. vs Ann Arbor Public Schools](#). Dr. Swift along with several community members traveled to Lansing to hear the Michigan Supreme Court Oral Arguments during the afternoon session on April 11, 2018
- [March Monthly Monitoring Report](#) was presented by Mr. Demetriou
- Dr. Swift presented materials for the [2018 Operating Millage Update](#) which will be available at all schools, district offices and also online at a2schools.org
- Mr. Demetriou and Mr. Lauzzana presented the [Summer 2018 Facilities/Sinking Fund Projects](#) plan which included district wide improvements, restorations, technology refresh, buses and a facilities conditions assessment amongst other individualized projects scheduled at different schools through-out the district

First Briefing

- [Tech Bond Purchase: Teacher Laptop Refresh](#) recommendation was presented by Ms. Colligan to replace purchases last made in 2014
- Mr. Demetriou recommended contracting with an engineering/advisory company to assist with evaluation of [Tennis Courts Renewal Projects](#)
- A [Lawn Maintenance Service](#) contract was recommended by Mr. Demetriou for services provided at all district facilities
- Mr. Lauzzana recommended a two-year [District Security Services](#) contract for after-hours security to all school properties and facilities
- [A2 STEAM Air Conditioning Upgrade](#) recommendation was presented by Mr. Lauzzana for 2nd Floor Classrooms and Counseling Offices

April 18, 2018

Regular Meeting

Special Recognition

- The Board Trustees shared a Moment of Silence in memory of W. Scott Westerman, Jr., who devoted his career and post-retirement years to public education and public service

Student Voice

- Three High School Students presented their [Optimist International Oratorical Contest](#) award-winning speeches titled “*My Roots of Optimism*”: Tony Fata from Pioneer and Aaron Garrett and Abdul Kizito from Huron

Information to the Board

- Ms. Dickinson-Kelley introduced the Summer Academic Program Leadership Team and presented the [Summer 2018 Academic Programs Preview](#) which includes;
 - ♦ Preschool to Kindergarten Transition class addition at Westerman Preschool
 - ♦ Elementary programs focused on Reading and Math curriculum offered in two-week sessions
 - ♦ Middle School Academic Youth Development Day Camp at EMU for eligible students entering 9th Grade Algebra 1 and Algebra 1B
 - ♦ High School courses offered in traditional classrooms, online classes, or blended learning

First Briefing

- Ms. Colligan and Ms. Linden presented the [2015 Bond – Classroom Enhancements: Phase III Furniture Purchase](#), High Schools & Additional Classrooms recommendation
- [Disaster Mitigation Services](#) on an as-needed basis recommendation presented by Mr. Lauzzana
- Mr. Lauzzana recommended a [Pattengill Structural Restoration](#) for structural repairs
- Recommendation for [Ductwork Replacement: Skyline Natatorium](#) was presented by Mr. Lauzzana

The Board Approved...

- [Tech Bond Purchase: Teacher Laptop Refresh](#) to Apple Inc. of Cupertino, California for MacBook Airls, USB Ethernet Adapters, and USB SuperDrives in the amount of \$2,021,600 to be provided by 2012 Technology Bond Series 2 Funds
- A contract with OHM Advisors of Livonia, Michigan in the amount of \$121,070 for professional engineering and field services to assist during the [Tennis Courts Renewal Project](#). Funding to be provided from Sinking Funds
- Three-Year [Lawn Maintenance Service Contract](#) to A.M. Services Inc. of Ann Arbor, Michigan with two optional one-year renewals in the amount of \$1,201,968 to be provided from General Funds for all district facilities
- A two-year contract, with optional one-year renewal, [District Security Service Contract](#) to Securitas Security Service USA, Inc. in Dearborn, Michigan for after-hours security to all school properties and facilities in the amount of \$214,656 annually to be provided from the General Fund
- [A2 STEAM Air Conditioning Upgrade](#) contract to A/C Building Systems, Inc. of Wixom, Michigan in the amount of \$189,150 to be provided from the Sinking Fund

April 25, 2018

Study Session

Special Recognition

- The Board Trustees shared a Moment of Silence in memory of Burns Park third grade teacher Scott Thompson. Mr. Thompson was a beloved teacher in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, a cracker jack bike mechanic, and compassionate counselor of refugees

Information to the Board

- An [Overview: AAPS High School African American Humanities](#) (AAH) Course presentation was led by Ms. Wade along with seven additional AAH teachers. AAH is offered at Huron, Pathways, Pioneer, and Skyline and each school shares common teaching themes. The course is rich in history, literary exploration, real world experiences, arts, and cultural expression
- Superintendent Dr. Swift shared an [Update: AAPS District Advisory Groups](#), noting there are several new groups which will meet monthly and thanked all staff, students, parents, and community members who are serving
- Dr. Swift and Ms. Langford presented the [Preliminary Plan: Project Grow Your Own](#) highlighting two established programs and sketching out the definition, benefits, and next steps to a similar program in Ann Arbor and what that means to the district and community
- Mr. Demetriou shared the [2018-19 Budget: Federal & State Context](#) discussed during the Michigan School Business Officials Annual Conference in Lansing on April 17-19, 2018
- Mr. Demetriou also gave a Preview of the [AAPS 2018-19 Budget](#) using current and proposed assumptions and discussed next steps

