

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEAD. CARE. INSPIRE.



ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOE UPDATE

Summer-Fall 2020

This Board of Education Update is provided for AAPS parents, staff and community to share a summary of the ongoing work of the Board of Education.

All Regular Meetings and Study Sessions of the Board of Education may be viewed through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

The calendar of Board Meetings can be accessed [here](#).

Links are provided to access additional support information in BoardDocs, where applicable.



July 15, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Lena Kauffman
2. Amy McKenna
3. Emily Royce
4. Michael Myer

ACTION ITEM

- [Affirmation of Boardsmanship](#) - Enacted bylaw 1120 and appointed Trustee Baskett to serve as Board Secretary.

July 22, 2020 - Study Session

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Mark Creekmore
2. Amy McKenna
3. Sonya Lewis
4. Lisa White, et al

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

- Dr. Swift presented the [Ann Arbor Public Schools Learning Plan 2020-21](#)

July 29, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

5. Stacy Ebron
6. Bob Rorke
7. Michael Prindle
8. Sandy Kreger
9. Carrie Booth
10. Kerry Jahn-Drone
11. Adrian Dantzer
12. Rita Simpson-Vlach

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dr. Swift presented the [AAPS Reimagine Learning Plan 2020-21 Update](#)
- Ms. Kellstrom provided an update on Schoology

BRIEFING ITEMS

- Mr. Comsa presented the [AAPS Preparedness Plan for employees and the AAPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy](#)
- Ms. Langford presented the [AAPS COVID-19 Return to School Plan](#)

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved [purchase of 13,000 Chromebooks, protective cases, device licensing, warranty and device onboarding in the amount of \\$4,254,120 with funding from the Technology Bond](#). This technology will be used to provide students district-wide with a personal device to support synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Designated Jill Minnick as Director and Dave Comsa as Alternate Director to the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL) Joint Risk Management Trust.

August 12, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Bob Rorke
2. Anna Mae Trievel
3. Rita Simpson-Vlach
4. Sara Saylor

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dr. Swift presented the [AAPS Reimagine Learning Plan Update](#)
- Ms. Bacolor presented a [COVID-19 Health and Ann Arbor Public Schools update](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- Ms. Linden presented a recommendation for [expansion of A2Virtual+ Academy to include elementary and middle school curriculum](#). License agreements would be purchased from APEX Learning for middle school content (at \$150/enrolled student) and from Florida Virtual for K-5 content (at \$192.95/enrolled student). The cost is estimated at \$115,430 funded through the General Fund/CARES grant.
- Ms. Linden presented a recommendation to purchase [Renaissance MyON Reader Digital Elementary Leveled Library](#) to provide unlimited access to books and tools in digital format. The cost would be \$100,461.84 and funded through the General Fund/CARES grant.
- Ms. Linden presented a recommendation to purchase [OverDrive eBook Digital Library Collection](#) to provide students 24-hour on-demand access to an extensive digital library of high quality books and text. The cost would be \$342,000 and funded through the General Fund/CARES grant. An annual investment of \$55,000 beginning in the 2021-22 school year would be funded through the General Fund.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved the [AAPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy and the Return to School Plan](#)
- Approved the [administrative employee contract for Jazz Parks as Assistant Superintendent for School Leadership](#).

August 19, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Omkar Karthikeyan

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dr. Swift presented an [AAPS Reimagine Learning Plan 2020-21 Update](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- Mr. Lauzzana presented a recommendation to purchase [playground engineered wood chips](#)
- The board discussed the next steps to drafting the Responsible Contractor policy.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved postponing the briefing of the Responsible Contractor policy and regulations to September 16.
- Approved [ANNEX 20-010 A2 Virtual+ Academy Expansion: Elementary and Middle School license agreements](#) from APEX Learning for the purchase of virtual middle school content at \$150.00 per enrolled student and from Florida Virtual for the purchase of virtual K-5 content at \$192.95 per enrolled student. Total costs will be determined by the number of students enrolled. Funding will come from General Fund/CARES grant
- Approved [ANNEX 20-008 Digital Academic Reading Materials](#) purchase of the Renaissance MyON Reader [system](#) at a cost of \$100,461.84. This purchase will come from the General Fund/CARES grant, and is offset by the non-renewal of annual RazKids leveled book software that currently costs the district \$70,000 annually.
- Approved [ANNEX 20-009 Digital Library Collection](#) to purchase the OverDrive School Library Collection at a cost of \$342,000. This purchase will come from the General Fund/CARES grant. The annual investment of \$50,000, beginning in the 2021-22 school year, to curate and maintain the AAPS digital library collection will come from the General Fund.
- Approved a donation of an acoustic guitar from Maryann Fardig to Pioneer High School.

August 26, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- Stacy Ebron

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dr. Swift presented the [AAPS Reimagine Learning Plan 2020-21 Update](#)

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved [Annex 20-011: Playground Engineered Wood Chips](#) - three-year contract with two optional one-year renewals to AMS Grounds of Ypsilanti, MI for Engineered Wood Fiber in the amount of \$63,360 annually. Funding will be provided by the General Fund.
- Special Briefing and Approval of [Annex Tech-47: Kajeet WiFi Hotspot Extended Data Plan](#) - purchase of Kajeet Wi-Fi Hotspot Extended Data Plan for 250 existing district hotspots to support students and families with at-home learning connectivity to be paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$26,684.91.

September 16, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Laura Schram
2. Jesse Kauffman
3. Alyson Robbins
4. Tracy Mckeown
5. Jason Allgood
6. Elizabeth Hill
7. Jamie Pero
8. Lena Kauffman
9. Megan Kanous
10. Beverly Davidson
11. Lisa Herr
12. Alex Bean

13. Arend Von Der Lieth
14. Andy Ault
15. Jen Larson
16. Rachel Mellinger
17. Vincent Van Drongelen
18. Jason Bibby
19. Karishma Collette
20. Katherine Sharkey
21. Lori Skibbe
22. Kate Cochran
23. Annemarie Sammartino
24. Katie Hale
25. Eli Ruben
26. Laurent Fournier
27. Julia Madison-Williams

INFORMATION ITEM

- Return to Learning Fall 2020 Highlights; a video presentation
- [Reimagine Learning Plan Update and Metrics to Inform Return to In-Person School](#) presented by Dr. Swift and Ms. Bacolor.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- [Annex AN-2000: Solar Installations](#) at 4 Schools was presented by Mr. Lauzzana
- [Annex AN-2001: Demolition of Buildings](#) on Adjacent Clague Property was presented by Mr. Lauzzana
- [Annex AN-2002: Addition of Bryant Preschool Playground](#) was presented by Mr. Lauzzana
- [Annex AN-2003: Pediatric Therapy Associates Contract](#) was presented Ms. Linden and Dr. Fidishin to recommend a 1-year contract for special education services.
- [Responsible Contracting Policy](#) was discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved [Annex AN-2004: Purchase of Digital Music Instruction and Virtual Performance Tools](#) - Noteflight Learn with Soundchek and digital music libraries subscription at a 3-year total of \$128,589 and Upbeat PRO Basic subscription to support student group performance and concerts at \$39,000 for 1 year - both utilizing funds from CARES grant and/or General Fund, Also approved the purchase of Chromebook-compatible headphones for all music students from Amazon in the amount of \$24,600 with funding from the 2015 Bond.
- Special Briefing and Approval of [Annex AN-2005: Emergency Purchase of School and Art Supplies](#) - an emergency purchase from Raymond Geddes Co., Inc. for student at-home supply kits in the amount of \$357,963 for school supplies and \$123,545.56 for art supplies to be paid from CARES grant funds and/or the General Fund.
- Special Briefing and Approval of [Annex AN-2006: Emergency Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) - an emergency purchase from various vendors for Personal Protective Equipment for district-wide use in the amount of \$593,587.62 to be paid from CARES grand funds and/or General Fund.
- Trustees engaged in discussion about allowing spectators to attend sports events. Trustees approved up to two spectators per player with protocols in place developed according to the Governor's executive order and with the booster clubs.

September 30, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Sara Schulte | 15. Katherine Dortch | 28. Shannon Hughes |
| 2. Lilia Cortina | 16. Kait Farrell | Hautamaki |
| 3. Jesse Kauffman | 17. Emily Sippola | 29. Heather Eckner |
| 4. Karen Rendell | 18. JoAnne Jarvi | 30. Melissa Bailey-Johnson |
| 5. Jason Bibby | 19. Adam Lauring | 31. Diane Artez |
| 6. Elizabeth McLaughlin | 20. Maddie Kauffman | 32. Lauren Helms |
| 7. Paul Fowler | 21. Rayna Ketchum | 33. Tabbatha Plomaritas |
| 8. Peregrin Gerety | 22. Adina Robinson | 34. Sandra Swan |
| 9. Jamie Pero | 23. Amanda France | 35. Ashley Zimmerman |
| 10. Jason Allgood | 24. Lois Miller | 36. Jen Larson |
| 11. Clarisa Benalal | 25. Sally Merkling | 37. Georgia Rubin |
| 12. Sima Salman | 26. Elizabeth Hill | 38. Alex Bean |
| 13. David Nelson | 27. Rita Simpson-Vlach | 39. Benjamin Hale |
| 14. Christine Bean | | |

INFORMATION ITEMS

- [Update: Reimagine Learning Fall 2020 Plan](#) was presented by Dr. Swift.
- [Highlights: Summer 2020 Physical Properties Update](#), presented by Mr. Lauzzana and Mr. Rice.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- [Draft Board Policy 3055 - Responsible Contractor](#) to assist the District in awarding contracts on every construction project to the lowest responsible bidder, i.e., the responsible bidder who provides the best value to the District.

ACTION ITEMS

- [Extended Continuity of Learning Plan](#) was reviewed and approved.
- Approved [Annex AN-2000: Solar Installations at 4 Schools](#) - contract awarded to Slifco Electric LLC, Troy, MI for Solar Installations at A2STEAM, Haisley elementary, Huron High School and Forsythe Middle School in the amount of \$1,329,943 and a contingency of up to \$132,994 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.
- Approved [Annex AN-2001: Demolition of Buildings on Adjacent Clague Property](#) - contract awarded to Simply Construction & Excavating, Franklin, MI for deconstruction and demolition of 2600 and 2700 Nixon Road in the amount of \$134,017 and contingency of up to \$26,803 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

- Approved [Annex AN-2002: Addition of Bryant Preschool Playground](#) – contract awarded to GameTime % Sinclair Recreation of Holland, for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Bryant Elementary in the amount of \$113,257 to be paid from the Sinking Fund.
- Approved [Annex AN-2003: Pediatric Therapy Associates Contract](#) for 2020–21 school year contracted services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy) for a total of \$447,876. Funding will be paid from the General Fund and reimbursed from special education funding.
- Approved [AAPS Data Points Dashboard](#) metrics to inform AAPS return to in-person instruction.
- Adopted new [Board Policy 3055 – Responsible Contractor](#)
- Approved the [Resolution to Approve Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan](#) for how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020–21 school year.
- Approved the [Michigan High School Athletics Association Membership Renewal for 2020–21](#) – The MHSAA assists in developing competitive standards; establishing a common set of rules, and provides orderly administration of an interscholastic athletic program which promotes academic integrity and competitive equity. Membership obligates the District to follow standardized rules, and is a requirement for participation in MHSAA post-season tournaments. No fees are charged for membership.

October 14, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. James Corey | 17. Colleen Klus |
| 2. Jessica Cooper | 18. Tara Shankar, MD |
| 3. Laura Schram | 19. Elizabeth Hill |
| 4. Julia Madison-Williams | 20. Ryan Bowles |
| 5. Jason Allgood | 21. Annemarie Sammartino |
| 6. Courtney Snyder-Ng | 22. Nick and Jordan Else |
| 7. Joanna Spencer-Segal | 23. Jen Larson |
| 8. Avram Derrow | 24. Sally Merkling |
| 9. Jason Bibby | 25. Amy Crawford |
| 10. Betty Hill | 26. Dr. Catherine Peterson |
| 11. Kai Cortina | 27. Rachele Stucker |
| 12. Stephanie McCarty | 28. Neil Rae |
| 13. Paul Fowler | 29. Alex Bean |
| 14. Amy Mayer | 30. Melissa Emery |
| 15. Lilia Cortina | 31. Isaak Murshak |
| 16. Leah Clark | |

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Dr. Swift presented the [AAPS Reimagine Learning/Extended Continuity of Learning Fall 2020](#)
- Ms. Minnick presented the [Monthly Monitoring Report for August](#)

BRIEFING ITEMS

- Mr. Rice presented [Annex AN-2008: Road Salt Purchase](#) for the 2020-21 school year
- Mr. Lauzzana presented [Annex AN-2009: Snow Removal Contract \(3 zones\)](#) for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years
- Mr. Lauzzana presented [Annex AN-2010: Slauson Emergency Ductwork Repair](#)

October 21, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Emily Deedler
2. Collette Karishma
3. Nicholas Lardo
4. Kristen Fraser
5. Christine Deucher
6. Lilia Cortina

STUDY SESSION ITEM

[Ensuring COVID-Informed School Buildings](#): Mr. Lauzzana and Mr. Rice gave a presentation outlining work in progress to ensure schools are ready for in-person instruction.

October 28, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety through CTN Video On-Demand a2gov.org/watchctn

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

1. Harrison Gilbert
2. Adrian Dantzer
3. Jennifer Baker
4. Jason Kosnoski
5. Kathy Bishop
6. Ryan Damton
7. Chuck Warpehoski
8. Avram Derrow
9. Alex Bean
10. Katie Dortch
11. Amanda Murshak
12. Elizabeth Hill
13. Stacy Ebron

INFORMATION ITEMS

An update on the [Reimagine Learning Plan/Continuity of Learning Plan Fall 2020](#) was presented by Dr. Swift, along with updates on the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan, presented by Ms. Linden, Ms. Parks and Dr. Fidishin, and a COVID-19 health update, presented by Ms. Bacolor.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approved [Annex AN-2008 - the purchase of bulk salt](#) for the 2020-21 winter season from Morton Salt Company (\$15,037), and Detroit Salt Company (\$72,180) from the Sinking Fund.
- Approved [Annex AN-2009 - 2-year contract to AM Services, Ann Arbor, MI for snow removal](#) services to zones 2, 4, and 9 in the annual amount of \$206,220 from the General Fund.
- Approved [Annex AN-2010 - a contract with W.J. O'Neil, Livonia, MI for emergency repair of Slauson ductwork](#) in the amount of \$77,800 from the Sinking Fund.
- Approved the monthly [confirmation of COVID-19 Extended Continuity of Learning Plan Resolution](#).
- Approved a Closed Session of the Board for the purpose of attorney/client privileged information on November 5, 2020 at 2:00 pm.