



Board of Education UPDATE Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025

2025 Board of Education



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

- The public is welcome to attend all open meetings of the Board of Education. A calendar of board meetings can be accessed [here](#). Regular Meetings, Study Sessions and Retreats are typically held at the Earhart Administration Building, [3700 Earhart Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105](#). Committee meetings (membership of three or fewer trustees) are held via Zoom.
- Meeting agendas, minutes and policies can be accessed in [BoardDocs](#). Links are provided to access the agenda items in BoardDocs.
- Meetings can be viewed live through Zoom for Regular Meetings, Study Sessions and Committee Meetings (see [Board Calendar](#) for the Zoom link)
- Video recordings of Regular Meetings and Study Sessions are available through [CTN](#). Committee meetings are not video recorded.
- The community is welcome to share public commentary. Those who wish to comment must sign up at least 4 hours in advance of the start of any open meeting through this [link](#). The board can be emailed any time at boardofed@a2schools.org.
- Past editions of the BOE Update can be found on the [Board website](#).

FEBRUARY 12, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING

EARHART ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 3700 EARHART RD., ANN ARBOR

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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| 1 Gabrielle Vuylsteke | 44 Bill Hanna | 86 Michael Zielinski |
| 2 Aimee Lahann | 45 Becky Kato | 87 Taylor Morgan |
| 3 Sandra Bouma | 46 Emily Dabish Yahkind | 88 Nathaniel Steiner |
| 4 Yvette Dimcheff | 47 Timothy Markel | 89 Lia Rose |
| 5 Jeffrey Carey | 48 Michael Oswalt | 90 Rei Kato |
| 6 Barry Gross, M.D. | 49 Kate Curry | 91 Robyn Anspach |
| 7 Caroline Gross | 50 Ben Badalamente | 92 Allison Jeter |
| 8 Brent Carey | 51 Sarah Thompson | 93 Vishnu Nair |
| 9 Amy Uphues | 52 Margaret Baker | 94 Chris Ernt |
| 10 Liliya Mancour | 53 Alexandra Taylor | 95 Robert Terrell |
| 11 Cynthia Ransley | 54 KRISTY SAMBORSKY | 96 Cathleen Adams |
| 12 Safiyah Basir | 55 Andrew Vane | 97 Elizabeth Morehead |
| 13 Sarah Devereaux | 56 Murray Rebner | 98 Emily Terrell |
| 14 Paul Devereaux | 57 Jane Taylor | 99 Adina Schoem |
| 15 Loretta Walsh | 58 Bradley Pritts | 100 Katie Richter |
| 16 Marcella Zorn | 59 Jeremy Bricker | 101 Justin Joque |
| 17 Ali Hassani | 60 Laura Ganzel | 102 Elizabeth McBrearty |
| 18 Nicole Scott | 61 Steven Perrine | 103 Jennifer Alzate |
| 19 Jonathan Gabison | 62 Naama Rivlin | 104 Leela Ramaswami |
| 20 alex schmidt | 63 Madhan Ramaswami | 105 Gabrielle Steiner |
| 21 Andy Buchsbaum | 64 Wanita Forgacs | 106 Jillian Morgan |
| 22 Gina Schneider | 65 Malissa Edwards | 107 Jamie Lawler |
| 23 michelle riba | 66 fang chung | 108 Nora Berry |
| 24 Allison Carey | 67 Kathleen Mobley | 109 Eric Knopf |
| 25 Bruce Fulton | 68 Galina Filipova | 110 Jim Vallem |
| 26 Eric Ressler | 69 Praveena Ramaswami | 111 Amy Griffis |
| 27 Karleigh Marable | 70 Carrie Knopf | 112 Najda Robinson-Mayer |
| 28 Jane Cottey | 71 Sara Schreiber | 113 Kelli Bachmann |
| 29 KathyAnn Moilanen | 72 Lisa Querijero | 114 Gabby Park |
| 30 Scott Nisbet | 73 Ariana King | 115 Jesse Song |
| 31 Anne Rapundalo | 74 Shunahsii Rose | 116 Eileen Ho |
| 32 Peter Andruskiewicz | 75 Emma Smith | 117 Devney Hamilton |
| 33 Kris Taveggia | 76 Jill Dimond | 118 Phillip Szeptowski |
| 34 David Hutchinson | 77 Tim Krohn | 119 Virginia Morgan |
| 35 Birgit Rieck | 78 Nathan and Leigh | 120 Leslie Smith |
| 36 Richard Hume | Remsberg | 121 Libby Benton |
| 37 monica hanna | 79 JOHN SELDIN | 122 Sarah Kempke |
| 38 Naeole Nathaniel | 80 James Freeland | 123 Derek Mobley |
| 39 Jason Bonilla | 81 Cedric Herman | |
| 40 Anthony Grando | 82 Wendy Carman | |
| 41 Babette Levy | 83 Luis Lavieri | |
| 42 Ben Higdon | 84 Sondra Bobroff | |
| 43 Dorene Markel | 85 Keri Calkins | |

INFORMATION

President Feaster announced board and administrative committee assignments:

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Bond Committee - will become a Committee of the Whole, Trustee Baskett will chair. The function will be determined in Governance.
- Equity & Inclusion Committee: Mohammad (chair), Wilkins, Wilks
- Finance Committee: Wilkerson (chair), Schmidt and Wilks (on a temporary basis)
- Governance Committee: Feaster (chair), Wilkerson, Baskett
- Performance Committee: Schmidt (chair), Wilks, Mohammad
- Planning Committee: Wilkerson (chair), Wilks, Baskett

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

- City/Schools Committee: Wilkerson, Baskett
- Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee: Wilks, Wilkins
- MASB Legislative Relations Committee: Wilks
- Recreation Advisory Committee: Mohammad
- Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools (RAHS): Unassigned; need to check status of committee
- Student Hearing Process: Feaster, Schmidt
- Transportation Safety Committee: Wilkins
- Washtenaw Association of Schools Boards (WASB): Baskett

BOARD BRIEFING

1. Annex AN-2195: [Slauson Middle School-Mass Timber Contract](#) recommendation was presented by the Capital Program Team.
2. Annex AN-2913: [New Dicken Elementary-Trade Contracts Part 1](#) recommendation was presented by the Capital Program Team.
3. Annex AN-2194: [New Logan Elementary-Trade Contracts Part 1](#) recommendation was presented by the Capital Program Team.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved Annex AN-2189: [Scarlett Middle and Community High School: Flooring and Painting Trade Contracts Part 1](#) for Community and Scarlett Finishes (Flooring and Paint) Trade Contracts Part 1 to the following vendors in the respective amounts:
 1. Shamrock Floorcovering of Ann Arbor, MI for flooring at Community High School in the amount of \$511,192
 2. Shock Brothers Floor Covering of Roseville, MI for flooring at Scarlett Middle School in the amount of \$1,108,750
 3. Artisan Tile, Inc. of Brighton, MI for terrazzo flooring at Community High School in the amount of \$439,939.
 4. General Painting of Rochester Hills, MI for painting at Community High School in the amount of \$206,000
 5. Papas Painting of Rochester Hills, MI for painting at Scarlett Middle School in the amount of \$265,550

Recommended total award of \$2,531,431 plus a 10% contingency of \$253,143 for a total award of \$2,784,574 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.

2. Approved Annex AN-2190: [New Mitchell Elementary-Trade Contract Recommendations Part 3](#) to the following vendors in the respective amounts:
 1. Silverline Contracting of Howell, MI for Metal& Composite Wood Panels in the amount of \$2,582,000
 2. Ann Arbor Ceiling & Partition of Ypsilanti, MI for Interior Metal Studs, Drywall, and Blocking in the amount of \$2,868,525
 3. Monroe Plumbing and Heating of Monroe, MI for Plumbing in the amount of \$3,867,000
 4. Goyette Mechanical of Ann Arbor, MI for HVAC and Building Controls in the amount of \$10,599,586
 5. Midwest Geothermal of Grand Rapids, MI for Geo Well Drilling in the amount of \$3,106,400
 6. Superior Electric of Troy, MI for Electrical in the amount of \$8,724,100Recommended total award of \$31,747,611 plus a 5% contingency of \$1,587,381 for a total award of \$33,334,992 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.

3. Approved Annex AN-2191: [Huron High School Pool Scoreboard](#) for the installation of Pool Scoreboard contract for Huron High School to the following vendor in the respective amount:
Colorado Time Systems in the amount of \$42,500.00 – TIPS Purchasing Cooperative (Contract #22090101)
Recommended total award of \$42,500 plus a 10% contingency of \$4,250 for a total award of \$46,750 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.

4. Approved Annex AN-2192: [Slauson Middle School Pool Demolition](#) of the existing Slauson Middle School Pool Building to the following vendors in the respective amounts:
 1. Eagle Excavation, Inc. of Flint, MI for site preparation and earthwork in the amount of \$330,700
 2. Blue Star, Inc. of Warren, MI for demolition in the amount of \$284,600
 3. Danboise Mechanical, Inc. of Farmington Hills, MI for HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Suppression disconnection in the amount of \$57,317
 4. Huron Valley Electric, Inc. of Ann Arbor for Electrical and Fire Alarm disconnects in the amount of \$47,000
 5. Industrial Fence and Landscaping, Inc. of Detroit, MI in the amount of \$65,995Recommended total award of \$785,612 plus a 10% contingency of \$78,561 for a total award of \$864,173 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.

5. Selected [MASB Board of Directors candidate](#) Guillermo Lopez as the MASB Region 7 Director to serve a 3-year term. Further, the Board designates the Board's assistant to submit the official election ballot on its behalf prior to the deadline of 1:00 pm on March 5, 2025.

6. Approved the [AAEA-Paraeducators Tentative Agreement](#).

7. Approved the [Non-Bargained Groups \(1, 3, 9\) agreement](#).

FEBRUARY 25, 2025 - STUDY SESSION

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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| 1 Taylor Morgan | 20 Madeleine Conboy | 39 Aimee Lahann |
| 2 Michael Oswald | 21 Greg Conboy | 40 Robert Masta |
| 3 Becky Kato | 22 David Hutchinson | 41 Justin Joque |
| 4 praveena ramaswami | 23 Kris Taveggia | 42 Jim Vallem |
| 5 Lisandra Fernandez-Silber | 24 Carrie Knoprf | 43 Katie Richter |
| 6 Caroline Gross | 25 Sandra Bouma | 44 Barry Johnson |
| 7 Natasha Fernandez-Silber | 26 Gabby Park | 45 Chris Ernt |
| 8 Colin Brooks | 27 Patricia Guest | 46 Deshawn Madha |
| 9 Ben Higdon | 28 Jesse Song | 47 Gabrielle Steiner |
| 10 David Stouffer | 29 Beth Pearson | 48 Kate Curry |
| 11 Amy Griffis | 30 Jeffrey Carey | 49 Wendy Carman |
| 12 Bill Hanna | 31 Allison Carey | 50 Yvette Dimcheff |
| 13 Dan Salamone | 32 Katherine Vane | 51 Bradley Pritts |
| 14 Edward Vuylsteke | 33 Pelham Barron | 52 Rachel Habuda |
| 15 Julie Boster | 34 Sofia Gaudioso | 53 Penelope Moskus |
| 16 Benjamin Badalamente | 35 Sarah Kempke | 54 Alexandra Taylor |
| 17 Naeole Nathaniel | 36 Peter Andruskiewicz | 55 Phillip Szepietowski |
| 18 Monica Hanna | 37 Jasmine Boster | |
| 19 Dorene Markel | 38 Mark Dobbie | |

STUDY SESSION ITEM

[New Thurston Elementary](#): The Thurston Elementary Community group “Let Thurston Play” gave a presentation, a Thurston community group gave comments, and the Capital Program Team presented options for New Thurston Elementary.

FEBRUARY 26, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING

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| 2 Shunahsii Rose | 44 Mark Dobbie | 86 Becky Kato |
| 3 Vincent Chen | 45 Marcella Zorn | 87 James Bruce Fields |
| 4 Fang Chung | 46 Adina Schoem | 88 Robyn Anspach |
| 5 Caroline Gross | 47 Jane Taylor | 89 Praveena Ramaswami |
| 6 Daniel Arini | 48 Barry Johnson | 90 Elizabeth McBrearty |
| 7 Sarah Devereaux | 49 Brent Carey | 91 Naeole Nathaniel |
| 8 Smita Malpani | 50 Kimberly Carey | 92 Aimee Lahann |
| 9 Theresa Hull | 51 Kathy Ann Moilanen | 93 Bradley Pritts |
| 10 Nicole Scott | 52 Emily Ku | 94 Sofia Gaudioso |
| 11 Colin Brooks | 53 Stephen Rapundalo | 95 Susannah Keller |
| 12 Esther Patrick | 54 Matthew Bertrand | 96 Anne Cox |
| 13 Cynthia Ransley | 55 Siri Ibarguen | 97 Elizabeth Thompson |
| 14 Deborah Wood | 56 Bill Hanna | 98 Libby Benton |
| 15 Kelly Sager | 57 Debbie Dingell | 99 Xinge Yu |
| 16 Nisha Gudal | 58 David Baker | 100 Erin Naguib |
| 17 Allison Jeter | 59 Margaret Baker | 101 Gabrielle Steiner |
| 18 Paul Devereaux | 60 leela Ramaswami | 102 Allison Carey |
| 19 Laurette Walsh | 61 Amanda Ryan | 103 Nikki Bonevich |
| 20 Edward Vuylsteke | 62 Lila Ryan | 104 Malissa Edwards |
| 21 Julie Boster | 63 Stephen Edwards | 105 Nathaniel Steiner |
| 22 Estelle Chiari | 64 Erin Sprute | 106 Yvette Dimcheff |
| 23 Pam O'Neal | 65 Najda Robinson-Mayer | 107 Anne Rapundalo |
| 24 Diana Dyer | 66 Zach Zeid | 108 Sarah Kempke |
| 25 Anita Goldstein | 67 Heather Hill | 109 Nora Berry |
| 26 Dorene Markel | 68 Michael Nix | 110 michael zielinski |
| 27 Kris Taveggia | 69 Deshawn Madha | 111 Michael Tucker |
| 28 David Hutchinson | 70 Alison Nix | 112 Mateo Alzate |
| 29 Carrie Knopf | 71 Elizabeth Morehead | 113 Andrea Hansell |
| 30 Andrew Vane | 72 Elinor Freeland | 114 Katie Richter |
| 31 Sandra Bouma | 73 Tarun Gehani | 115 Taylor Morgan |
| 32 Gabby Park | 74 Erich Zechar | 116 Phillip Szepietowski |
| 33 Jesse Song | 75 Jason Bonilla | 117 Barbara Ladewski |
| 34 Patricia Guest | 76 Michael Oswald | 118 Ryan Hobbs |
| 35 Jeffrey Carey | 77 Joseph Ryan | 119 Jillian Morgan |
| 36 Chrissy Flaherty | 78 Luke Guest | 120 Lia Rose |
| 37 Pelham Barron | 79 Justin Joque | 121 James Freeland |
| 38 Katherine Vane | 80 Cedric Herman | 122 Christine Kucher |
| 39 Ali Hassani | 81 Jamie Lawler | 123 Emily Terrell |
| 40 David Barnett | 82 Jonathan Gabison | 124 Jacob Kitzman |
| 41 Thalys Shiue | 83 Chris Ernt | 125 Kate Curry |
| 42 Peter Andruskiewicz | 84 Birgit Rieck | |

INFORMATION

1. Superintendent Parks gave an [update](#).
2. The [Monthly Budget Monitoring Report for January 2025](#) was presented by Darci Francoeur.

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved Annex AN-2195: [Slauson Middle School Mass Timber trade contract](#) to the following vendor in the respective amounts: Timber Systems, LLC of Lapeer, MI for timber truss and cross laminate timber panels in the amount of \$757,236. Recommended total award of \$721,177 plus a 5% contingency of \$36,059 for a total award of \$757,236 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.
2. Approved Annex AN-2193: [New Dicken Elementary Trade Contracts Part 1](#) to the following vendors in the respective amounts:
 1. Simone Construction Services of Shelby Township, MI for structural concrete in the amount of \$1,668,000.
 2. Dixon, Inc. of Detroit, MI for masonry in the amount of \$1,389,000.
 3. Howard Structural Steel, Inc. of Saginaw, MI for steel in the amount of \$1,605,558.
 4. Commercial Contracting Corporation of Auburn Hills, MI for rough carpentry in the amount of \$4,609,414.
 5. D.C. Byers Company, Inc. of Detroit, MI for thermal protection in the amount of \$269,590.
 6. Custom Architectural Sheetmetal Specialist of Detroit, MI for exterior wall panels in the amount of \$722,000.
 7. D & R Earthmoving of Whitmore Lake, MI for site demolition, earthwork, and utilities in the amount of \$2,707,143.Recommended total award of \$12,970,529 plus a 5% contingency of \$648,526 for a total award of \$13,619,055 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.
3. Approved Annex AN-2194: [New Logan Elementary Trade Contracts Part 1](#) to the following vendors in the respective amounts:
 1. Blaze Contracting of Detroit, MI for Earthwork & Site Utilities in the amount of \$4,137,000.
 2. Midwest Geothermal of Grand Rapids, MI for Geothermal in the amount of \$4,863,825.
 3. Simone Construction Services of Shelby Township, MI for Foundations in the amount of \$1,919,000.
 4. DSP Constructors of Novi, MI for Site Concrete in the amount of \$1,356,797.
 5. Asphalt Specialists LLC of Pontiac, MI for Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$688,500.
 6. American Fence & Supply Co. Inc of Warren, MI for Fencing in the amount of \$454,036.
 7. Albanelli Cement Contractors, Inc. of Livonia, MI for Interior Concrete Flatwork in the amount of \$987,600.
 8. J&J Construction Co. of Brighton, MI for Masonry in the amount of \$2,147,925.
 9. B & A Structural Steel LLC of Chesterfield, MI for Structural and Miscellaneous Steel in the amount of \$4,423,217.
 10. JD Candler Roofing Co of Sterling Heights, MI for Roofing in the amount of \$2,046,500.
 11. Crystal Glass Inc of New Hudson, MI for Glass, Glazing, and Aluminum Storefronts in the amount of \$2,119,800.
 12. Wally Kosorski & Co, Inc. of Clinton, MI for Rough & Finish Carpentry in the amount of \$1,884,000.
 13. Nordic Structures of Montreal, Quebec Canada, for Timber Framing & CLT Panels in the amount of \$2,687,525.
 14. Pontiac Ceiling & Partition, LLC of Pontiac, MI for Metal Framing & Drywall in the amount of \$6,744,110.
 15. Absolute Fire Protection, Inc. of Mount Clemens, MI for Fire Protection in the amount of \$838,500.

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16. WM Floyd Co of Howell, MI for Plumbing in the amount of \$2,955,000.
17. Superior Electric Tri County, LLC. of Saline, MI for Electrical in the amount of \$9,295,000.
18. TK Elevator Corp of Livonia, MI for Elevators in the amount of \$391,000.
Recommended total award of \$49,939,335 plus a 5% contingency of \$2,496,967 for a total award of \$52,436,302 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.

4. Approved [limited Schools of Choice for the 2025-2026 School Year](#)
5. Approved moving forward with the Thurston Project, as currently designed.