



Board of Education UPDATE Newsletter

MARCH 2025



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](#).

MARCH 12, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING

EARHART ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 3700 EARHART RD., ANN ARBOR

ALSO MADE AVAILABLE LIVE ON ZOOM

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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| 1. Michelle Ding | 28. Young-Chang Cho | 55. Kristen Ochomogo |
| 2. Catherine Archibald | 29. Kelly MacArthur | 56. Jungsoo Ahn |
| 3. Janet Yang | 30. Sarah Shea | 57. Chris Ernst |
| 4. Yasmin Moll | 31. Allison Carey | 58. Nancy Khalil |
| 5. Michael Lempert | 32. Kelly MacArthur | 59. Isaac Yeo |
| 6. Sadaf Ali | 33. Jordan Else | 60. Lena Kauffman |
| 7. Sonia Chawla | 34. Jennifer Oldham | 61. Adelaide Lancaster |
| 8. Bill Hanna | 35. Steve Edwards | 62. Becca Hogan |
| 9. Peri Stone-Palmquist | 36. Charlotte Beil | 63. Monica Martin |
| 10. Victor Mendoza | 37. Jacki Moilanen | 64. Zahra Seyam |
| 11. Rachele Stucker | 38. Andy LaBarre | 65. Grace Christansen |
| 12. Basit Zafar | 39. Claire McMurtrie | 66. Nikole Bonevich |
| 13. Julia Blough | 40. James Freeland | 67. Mary Cui |
| 14. Maria Lopez-Cheewakarn | 41. Danielle Capitan | 68. Kaitlyn Anagnostou |
| 15. Julia Koumbassa | 42. Najda Robinson-Mayer | 69. Rima Hassouneh |
| 16. Hyo Eun Bang | 43. Fang Chung | 70. Shiyu Nitsos |
| 17. Lisa Querijero | 44. Ed Trager | 71. Courtenay Hall |
| 18. Arika Lycan | 45. Sadaf Ali | 72. Jonah Siegel |
| 19. Jill Cassara | 46. Claire McMurtrie | 73. Bashar Almadani |
| 20. Markell Miller | 47. Andy Brosius | 74. Asma Zohny |
| 21. Richard Cassara | 48. Jiwon Lim | 75. Ali Sadif |
| 22. Praveena Ramaswami | 49. Nuri Bae | 76. Claire McMurtrie |
| 23. Min Song | 50. Mijung Jung | 77. Gina Schneider |
| 24. Woodrow R. Williams II | 51. Jennifer Tankanow | 78. Caroline Semra |
| 25. Jeehyae Chung | 52. Birgit Rieck | |
| 26. Peter Andruskiewicz | 53. Carol Guo | |
| 27. Paola Walker | 54. Yujin Kim | |

INFORMATION

- Superintendent Parks provided an [update](#) to the Board.
- Dr. Ryan Rowe, WISD CTE Director presented information on the [county-wide CTE program and proposed Vocational Education Millage](#).

BOARD BRIEFING

1. Annex AN-2203: [Elementary English Language Arts Curriculum Recommendation](#) was presented by Ms. Dawn Linden
2. Annex AN-2202 - [New Dicken Elementary - Trades Contracts Part 2](#) was presented by Ms. Stephanie Corona, Gilbane.
3. Annex AN-2197: [New Logan Elementary - Trades Contracts Part 2](#) was presented by Ms. Stephanie Corona, Gilbane.
4. Policy 1300 - Public Participation - The Governance Committee offered some draft language for board review. Trustees were asked to send their recommendations to President Feaster.
5. New Policy 1310 - Public Commentary - The Governance Committee offered some draft language for board review. Trustees were asked to send their recommendations to President Feaster.

MARCH 19, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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| 1. Rima Hassouneh | 15. Laura Houk | 29. Pardip Bolina |
| 2. Woodrow R Williams II | 16. Luke Jackson | 30. Allison Carey |
| 3. Joslyn Hunscher-Young | 17. Nuri Bae | 31. Mohannad Ibrahim |
| 4. Susan Kenney | 18. Birgit Rieck | 32. Shireen Ashkar |
| 5. Catherine Shaw | 19. Xianli Tang | 33. Asma Zohny |
| 6. Jeehyae Chung | 20. Kristen Ochomogo | 34. Sadaf Ali |
| 7. Linda Khalil | 21. Rachel Eyler | 35. Kate Curry |
| 8. Bill Hanna | 22. Sarah Shea | 36. Sarah Thompson |
| 9. Caroline Semrau (sim-row) | 23. Hind Omar | 37. Erika Levin |
| 10. Jaye Starr Boz | 24. Alex Belhaj | 38. Andrew Dyer |
| 11. Julia Blough | 25. Kristine Abouzahr | 39. Nancy Khalil |
| 12. Tahani Othman | 26. Ahmad Dari | 40. Yasmin Moll |
| 13. Sonia Chawla | 27. Jennifer Oldham | 41. Michael Lempert |
| 14. Deshawn Leeth | 28. Hasan Shanawani | |

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Former BOE trustee Andy Thomas presented an update on the [Karen Thomas Fund](#) and grant recipients

INFORMATION

- Superintendent Parks provided an [update](#) to the Board.
- The [monthly budget monitoring report for February 2025](#) was presented by Ms. Darci Francoeur.
- The [proposed FY25 General Fund Second Amendment](#) was presented by Mr. Casey Zaski.

BOARD BRIEFING

- Annex AN-2201: [Clague Middle School - Doors and Window Replacement](#) contract recommendation was presented by Mr. Bing and Mr. Steinhebel
- Annex AN-2198: [Clague, Scarlett, Forsythe, Ann Arbor Open, Community, and Pittsfield - Loading Dock and Paving Improvements](#) contract recommendation was presented by Mr. Bing and Mr. Steinhebel
- Annex AN-2196: [Scarlett & Community - Flooring and Painting Trades Contracts Part 2](#) recommendation was presented by Mr. Bing and Mr. Steinhebel
- AN-2199: [New Thurston Elementary School - Trade Contract Recommendations Part 1](#) was presented by Mr. Bing and Mr. Steinhebel

BOARD ACTION

1. Approved Annex AN-2203: [Elementary English Language Arts Curriculum](#) adoption of a five-year agreement with Great Minds Arts & Letters English Language Arts Curriculum for all AAPS K-5 students, using 35j Grant funds at a total \$1,289,200.19 for the first three years of implementation (2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28) with the remaining two years (28/29, 29/30) not to exceed \$225,000 total to be paid from a combination of grant funds and/or the General Fund.
2. Approved Annex AN-2202 - [New Dicken Elementary - Trades Contracts Part 2](#) award to the following vendors in the respective amounts:
 1. CEI Michigan, LLC of Dearborn, MI for roofing in the amount of \$1,115,150.
 2. Tanner Supply Co. of Temperance, MI for doors, frames, and hardware in the amount of \$353,551.
 3. Daniels Glass Inc. of Detroit, MI for storefront glass and glazing in the amount of \$1,721,098.
 4. KONE Inc. of Livonia, MI for elevator in the amount of \$213,600.
 5. Professional Sprinkler, Inc. of Wixom, MI for fire suppression in the amount of \$613,880.
 6. Boone & Darr Inc. of Ann Arbor, MI for plumbing in the amount of \$2,675,730.
 7. Miller-Boldt, Inc. of Clinton Township, MI for HVAC in the amount of \$7,587,000.
 8. Midwest Geothermal of Grand Rapids, MI for geothermal in the amount of \$1,345,670.
 9. Wiltse Electric of Jackson, MI for electrical and fire alarm in the amount of \$5,083,800.Recommended total award of \$20,709,479 plus a 5% contingency of \$1,035,474 for a total award of \$21,744,953 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.
3. Approved [Annex AN-2197: New Logan Elementary - Trades Contracts Part 2](#) award to the following vendors in the respective amounts: 1. Quality Aire Systems of Whitmore Lake, MI for HVAC Mechanical in the amount of \$11,787,000. Recommended total award of \$11,787,000 plus a 5% contingency of \$589,350 for a total award of \$12,376,350 to be paid from the Capital Program funds.
4. Adopted the [FY25 General Fund Second Budget Amendment](#)