



BOARD BRIEFS

June 13, 2005

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Suzanne Klein presented Dr. Grace Smith, coordinator of the Parent Connect logo contest; Monteith 5th grader Katie M., whose logo design was selected; and Katie's teacher, Marilyn Lister. Katie's logo will appear on all Parent Connect correspondence and on the Parent Connect web page.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board noted the retirements of two instructional staff members, two classroom assistants, and one cafeteria worker.

G.A.A.A. #5

The Board approved General Appropriations Act Amendment #5 in order to reclassify fringe benefits to the proper accounts and to recognize increases in transportation costs and the final balance in federal and country grants. There is no change in ending fund equity.

FIELD TRIP

The Board approved a waiver of its Study Warning (Policy IFCB) to allow students in Community School to attend a theatre production in Stratford, Ontario, in October 2005.

COMMUNITY SERVICE POLICY

The Board approved a policy, as mandated by the state of Michigan, regarding community service for Michigan Merit Award eligible students, to begin with the graduating class of 2006. The policy requires that each student complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service prior to June 30 of the student's year of graduation and outlines criteria for qualifying community service activities.

BIDS

Transportation: The Board accepted the one bid from Servicar of Michigan, estimated in the amount of \$420,000 for 2005-2006, to provide transportation for special education students.

South High School doors: The Board accepted a bid from F. H. Martin in the amount of \$73,200 to replace the doors at South High School.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

The Board ratified the 2004-2007 agreements with the Grosse Pointe Paraprofessional, Technology, and Non-Instructional Supervisor units, as well as contracts with the central office administrators.

BOARD CALENDAR

The Board approved its calendar of meetings for 2005-2006. (For the complete calendar, go to <http://www.gpschools.org/newpub/0506cal.htm>.)

CONSTRUCTION AT ELWORTHY FIELD

The Board approved the construction of a platform tennis facility on Elworthy Field, to be located near the tennis courts. (NOTE: The property is owned by the school system and leased to the City of Grosse Pointe. Approval from the school system is required for any construction on the site.)

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- Updates were provided regarding revenue enhancement, construction projects, and enrollment, and a Board of Canvassers report was presented.
- Information was provided regarding proposed textbooks and other instructional materials for the K-8 language arts curriculum, the honors journalism textbook, and modifications to instructional component of the Special Education human sexuality curriculum.
- Transfer regulations for Community School were discussed.

NOTE:

During the June 6 Conference Meeting, the Board accepted the report of the Nominating Sub-Committee and appointed Edwin C. Frederickson to the Public Library Board.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 20 at 7 p.m.
- A special meeting of the Board to approve the budget will be held on June 27 to approve the budget.
- The Board's annual organization meeting will be held on July 11 at 7 p.m. (The above meetings will be held at Parcels Middle School in the auditorium.)
- Dates of additional meetings can be found at www.gpschools.org/newpub/agendas.htm.