

Board Briefs

April 2010

Next Meetings:

Board closed session to discuss negotiations at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29, in the Administration Building Board Room, 389 St. Clair Avenue.

Board regular meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, May 24, in the North High School library, 707 Vernier.

Board meetings dates and agendas are listed at www.gpschools.org and posted in the Central Administration Building at 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

To access background documents for upcoming agendas, please visit the board calendar. Past agendas and background documents are also archived online under the School Board dropdown. Note that minutes are not posted until approved at the next monthly board meeting.

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Celebrate our Distinguished Volunteers and \$100,000 GPFPE gift

The GPFPE presented a directed gift of \$100,000 for instructional technology and encouraged the community to help raise the additional \$150,000 to earn the \$500,000 matching funds from the Boll Technology Challenge. The 26th annual Distinguished Volunteers celebration then honored these community members for going above and beyond in their service to our schools: Ann Marie Aliotta, Karen Eger, Gil Finger, Mary Fodell, Sara Fischer Hodges, Lorraine Krawetz, Mary Masson, Colette McEnroe, Cathy Pomaville, Lori Schoenith, and Mary Trost. The Funky Flowers Destination Imagination team from Pierce was also recognized for taking second place in the State competition and earning the right to go to the Global DI competition in May.

K-12 Language Arts curriculum and Algebra II Support Class pass

The board of education approved the K-12 ELA curriculum and the Algebra II Support class that were previewed at the March meeting as part of the consent agenda. Also included in the consent agenda were bids for district-wide projects related to environmental work, flooring, fencing and general trades, as well as the Brownell parking lot.

Teacher layoff resolution passes with regret noted by Board members

The teacher contract requires notification in April for all those on the layoff list, including those with a reduced assignment. The Superintendent and board members noted the difficulty of this action and their hope that State legislative action and local negotiations may lead to the district's ability to call back as many as possible. Also approved was the non-renewal of an administrator, related to reconfiguring the Student Services department.

Enrollment eligibility proposal does not pass

In a 5-2 vote, the proposed reregistration of all students did not pass. The estimated cost was \$41,000 if the district was to conduct the reregistration at central office. District investigations of all tips will continue and cooperation with the local municipalities will be expanded to ensure the students in our schools meet enrollment eligibility requirements. More information is posted online under *Quick Links - Residency and Enrollment*.

Fourth draft of budget and negotiations update shared

Mr. Fenton shared that the fourth budget draft includes one change from draft 3 - using the \$61,000 from the sale of land to Kroger last month for Extra Pay for Extra Duty (EPED) related to department chairs. A noted concern is the amount of money allocated for textbooks considering the English Language Arts adoption. Trustee Walsh requested an update on the sinking funds projects as well as an update on the taxable values. Mr. Harwood noted in the negotiations update that successful dialogue has occurred in the area of language and compensation and that he feels progress is being made.

Preview of May business

Textbooks for *Statistics* and *Introduction to Calculus* will be on next month's consent agenda as well as bids for the South "S" lot and auditorium courtyard (a joint project with the South Preservation Committee), the Maire parking lot, and system-wide concrete and tuckpointing. Bids for system-wide plumbing jobs, Poupard's playground, and North's counseling, ACM and entrance changes will be further discussed.