

Board Briefs

May 2010

Next Meetings:

Board regular meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, June 28, in the Parcels Middle School Auditorium, 20600 Mack Avenue, GPW.

Included in that meeting will be public hearings for the Budget and the 2010-11 School Breakfast Program.

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.

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Celebrate our students

The Superintendent's report was full of celebratory news. Recognized were: Regional and National NASA Awards for Brownell Science students, a Chemistry Olympiad Winner, South TV students for awards at the Michigan Student Film and Video Festival, National Latin Scholar Winners, Trombly Elementary as Wayne County's Top Green School, a Northpointe Newspaper Award, a Brownell Beat Newspaper Award, a Scholastic Art Award for a South student, the North/South Science Fair Winners (who in addition to winning college scholarships had an asteroid named after them). After the awards, Dr. Matt Outlaw shared the summer learning program opportunities for those seeking credit recovery or grade replacement as well as those seeking online courses or the opportunity to take required classes during the summer and free up their schedule for more electives during the school year.

GPFPPE brings \$200,000 for technology -- \$150,000 to go in campaign

Last month the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education brought the first \$100,000 raised in the Boll Technology Challenge. In May, they delivered the 2:1 matching check from the Boll Foundation. To reach the campaign goal, \$150,000 is still needed. End of year gifts in honor of staff were suggested as a nice way to meet the technology challenge and say thank you. Forms are online at the district site or www.gpfpe.org.

Support staff layoff resolution passes with regret noted by Board

Due to budget cuts, 42 support personnel were placed on the layoff list, with 29 of those being a reduction in assignments. These include classroom assistants, clerical, plant and non-instructional supervisor personnel.

Consent agenda passes 7-0 with textbook and bid approvals

The consent agenda included textbooks for Statistics (\$6578) and Introduction to Calculus (\$6718). Copies are available for review in the Department of Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction and Technology. Also approved were bids for the South S Lot and Auditorium Courtyard (Nagle Paving, \$501,500 from sinking fund), Maire Parking Lot (Pro-Line Asphalt for \$319,300 from sinking fund), and System-wide Tuckpointing (Chezcore, Inc. and POE Restoration) and Concrete (Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement and A Land Construction, Inc.). Individual cement and tuckpointing projects will be done as needed and are estimated in the \$2,000-5,000 range for a total of under \$50,000 in both categories.

Action items for May 24, 2010

All of the action items passed 7-0 including two additional bids (system wide plumbing to Condor and Shoreline for as needed projects) and North entrance changes/additions for \$409,987 to OYK Engineering and Construction. The Board again unanimously declined to participate in School of Choice. And all approved the resolution honoring the district retirees. As of May 24, there were 8 on the list of retirees with many more anticipated by the June 11 State deadline for notification. A reception will be held June 14 in Cleminson Hall.

Preview of June business - meeting to be held in Parcels Auditorium

Public hearings on the budget and school breakfast program will be conducted at the June 28 Board meeting. Additional textbooks, technology purchases, bids, and contracts for food services and with Professional Education Services Group (PESG) will be discussed.