

Board Briefs

May 2011

Next Meetings:

Board work session at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 8 p.m., **Monday, June 27**, in the **South** High School Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd. Included within the 8 p.m. meeting will be public hearings on the Budget and the School Breakfast program.

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Board work session discusses budget and superintendent search

Representatives from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates shared the Superintendent profile developed after a series of staff and community focus groups, a public forum and an online survey completed by over 700 individuals. Resumes are coming in and the top 5-6 candidates will be presented June 15 with interviews following that. The Board of Education then reviewed the final components of the 2011-12 budget delving into proposals for central office and technology. The budget hearing will be June 27, with approval slated for the regular meeting that same evening.

Student and staff recognitions abound

Four Pierce students were recognized for their State Championship Quiz Bowl team. A Pierce team was also named Social Studies Olympiad State Champions with 18 gold medals, 6 silver, 1 bronze, and 2 honorable mentions. Both are led by advisor Jeanne Brousseau. North *Valhalla* students were recognized for an honorable mention and excellence award at the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association (JEA/NSPA) event. South *Tower* students and advisor Jeffrey Nardone were recognized for Michigan Interscholastic, Columbia Scholastic Press, JEA/NSPA, and Quill and Scroll awards. Trombly's Susan Howey was selected as one of 100 teachers nationally to participate in the Mickelson ExxonMobil teacher Academy this July.

Human resources report includes resignations and retirements

The Board briefly and poignantly addressed this weekend's resignations at South. Also passing 7-0 was the resolution to honor retirees June 8. As of 5/17, the list included Patricia Ament, Ardis Herrold, Barbara Larabell, Susan Lauppe, Jacqueline Rentenbach, Janet Rhodes and Principal Kathleen Satut. Layoff of Non-Teaching Personnel also passed 7-0. Without an impact on personnel or budget, the board also approved club status for JV hockey at North 7-0.

Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) news

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Wayne RESA budget. They also voted 7-0 to nominate Judy Gafa to represent them in the upcoming RESA election and directed her to vote for Darlene Pompanio and Deborah Stellini.

Consent agenda for June

Approval of the Technology Plan, reading materials for elementary schools, the administration building roof repair bid (low bidder Envision for \$24,532), the Board policy on fund equity, and technology purchases for Microsoft software renewal and secondary school servers are all on the consent agenda for June.

Action items for June

The Board discussed the \$1600/month lease for Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop which will be voted on in June. Also noted were bids for improvements to the North and South Life Skills classrooms (two-year projects through the sinking fund with bid opening 6/8), and the South hot water repairs (bid meeting 6/9). Preliminary discussion of moving to EduStaff for substitute teachers, coaches and other positions currently run through PESG was discussed including EduStaff's lower costs for those applying for positions and profit sharing with the school district. Deb Jackson answered questions about the revised Wayne County Center Program Agreement. Penny Stocks shared insight on the proposed Wayne Metro Community Action Agency Head Start Program at Poupard at no cost to the district.