



Next Meetings:

There will be a work session at 7 p.m., June 18, and a regular meeting at 7 p.m., June 25 in the North High School Library, 707 Vernier. Board meetings will stay at North through June 2012, then move to Brownell for July and August.

A Policy meeting will be held at 6 p.m., June 7 in South High School.

You can watch board meetings at www.gppss.tv.phanfare.com, on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99, or listen to the podcast on the district site.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Retirement and 25 Years of Service Celebration 6/7 at 4 p.m. in South's Cleminson Hall
- North Graduation 6/13
- South Graduation 6/14
- Human Sexuality Advisory Board information will be presented during the BOE work session 6/18

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Board Briefs

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Work session explores budget

The Board of Education discussed matters impacting the development of the 2012-13 budget. These included the State Revenue Consensus Meeting, GPPSS budget documents (posted online under Our District – Business and Finance – Budget Development) and staffing and program planning. Staffing will be impacted by the number of kindergarten students enrolled (only 8 for half day) as well as the administration's recommendation to continue to run the district's 1-2-3 Multiage program next year at Trombly.

Resolution passes honoring the class of 2012 retirees

While the official recognition of employees retiring or having earned 25 years of service within the district will be held at 4 p.m., June 7, in South's Cleminson Hall, Dr. Dean and Dr. Harwood noted those who have already announced their intention to retire. Please help us thank these individuals for their dedication to our schools and students: Sharon Blain, Thomas Briske, Jan Cullen, Patricia Dillon-Quinn, Kris Grabowski, Michael Hallop, Isabel Harwood, Damaris Inger, Kathy Kasiborski, Elizabeth Moran, David Rayburn, Cynthia Rolka, Brenda Schrade, Debra Lynn Sutherland, and Therese Tyner.

Layoffs of non-teaching personnel reflect enrollment to date

At this time six classroom assistants are on lay-off. This is directly related to the enrollment figures. If you know families with students that have not yet enrolled for next year, encourage them to call 313-432-3083 today to start the process.

Numerous Policy revisions pass

The Policy Committee presented nine policy updates to ensure alignment with State and Federal guidelines. Those passed 7-0 and keep the district compliant with the Teacher Tenure Act, Children's Internet Protection Act and new certification requirements for superintendents. Also passing 7-0 were four policies related to annually surveying professional and support staff, students and the community. Passing 6-1, was policy 5600 on Student Discipline. Trustee Valente described it as a way to use metrics to track and trend data and identify any areas of needed improvement as part of the district's Positive Behavior Support initiative.

Superintendent shares district update on awards and summer programs

Superintendent Harwood started the evening by congratulating the staff and students at both high schools for being recognized by Newsweek as among the top 3% of high schools in the nation. He also noted every school had earned Michigan Green School Certification and that Poupard and Trombly were two of only 6 in the State honored for their ongoing commitment to being earth-conscious. He then shared information about the elementary and secondary summer school programs with the help of Andrea Lappin-Roth, and noted additional summer programs available through the district. These include GPPSS Summer Day Camp (O'Fun), Camp Invention, Summer Music Festival, Summer Select Choir, and Safety Town.

Other Business items pass unanimously

The Board agreed 7-0 to acknowledge receipt of the Wayne County RESA 2012-13 Budget. The Board approved the Sprint Cell Phone Bid at an annual cost of \$27,610.28. The Board also approved the Grosse Pointe South High School Greenhouse Renovation Bid by Axiom Construction Services, LLC for \$121,300. Our Board of Education also approved \$15 million of Cash Flow Borrowing Line of Credit. This is twice the amount borrowed last year and is necessary because of our lower fund equity, the difference between the start of our budget and when we receive our first State Aid payment, as well as the fact we are a 100% winter tax collecting district. The final action item of the evening was to approve a Resolution for Technology Related Information Items.