

Board Briefs

August 2008

Meeting Dates

Board meeting dates are the fourth Monday of the month, with a few changes due to holiday and calendar issues. Additional work sessions may be scheduled, but those will not be televised.

Please Note: July through December, regular Board meetings will be held in South's Wicking Library. January through June, regular Board meetings will be held in the North library. Work session locations vary.

Next Meetings:

Board work session at 6 p.m. and meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, September 22 in South's Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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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Five candidates filed for November school board elections

Five candidates have filed for the two open seats in the upcoming school board election. These include Christopher Cornwall, Judy Gafa, Ahmed Ismail (incumbent), Darryl Miller, and Terrill Newnan. Angela Kennedy, the other current board member whose term will expire in November, chose not to file.

All policies are updated and online

The Board of Education has been busy updating all of its policies, and passed the bulk at its July meeting. Special thanks were given to Joan Dindoffer, Alice Kosinski, Dr. Klein and Lee Warras that serve on the Board policy subcommittee. The policies are now available online through the district website. Policy revisions regarding budget preparation, budget implementation, and providing meaningful feedback on student work were all passed by the board at their August meeting. Administrative guidelines to accompany all of the policies are under development and are expected for Board review this fall. However, the guidelines for middle and high school code of conduct were approved in August so they could be in place for the start of the school year.

Superintendent review process formalized

A formal Superintendent evaluation process and criteria were approved unanimously by the board of education. This includes performance objectives and the review time frame.

Chinese textbooks approved

Chinese instruction will begin this fall at Pierce Middle School and both high schools. After careful review, textbooks for the Mandarin Chinese Courses were approved at the August board meeting.

Business as usual

The Board unanimously approved designated members of the staff to use credit cards. These cards have both a dollar limit and a store limit (for example some can only be used at certain stores) and oversight includes matching credit records to itemized bills.

Up next month

A public tax levy hearing will be held in September as part of the board meeting. Also up for discussion is the information gathered from the legal counsel request for proposal, the bid for the South Fitness Center, the policy for naming school facilities/donor recognition, and anticipated gifts from General Motors and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.