

# Board Briefs

February 2009

## **Next Meetings:**

Board work session at 6 p.m., Monday, March 23, at North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by the 8 p.m. regular Board meeting.

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

Board meetings dates and agendas are listed at [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) and posted in the Central Administration Building at 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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## **GPPSS claims not one but two State Teachers of the Year**

North High School's Teri Steimer has been named the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) U.S. History Teacher of the Year for the State of Michigan, and Ardis Herrold has been named Michigan's 2009 Science Teacher of the Year.

## **District accepts \$41,000 gift from the Foundation**

GPFPE Board members Cat Ruffner and John Danaher presented a \$41,000 grant to the district directed to the FAST Reading program. The next grant deadline is 6/1/09. Forms are on the website under the Community dropdown.

## **First Section 99 grant proposal for technology received from North**

North High School staff worked with the Technology Department and Lee Warras to bring forth their proposal for technology integration using the Section 99 Lighthouse Grant monies secured by former Representative Gaffney. Proposals from South High School and the middle schools are expected next month, with the elementary proposals to follow that. The grant totals \$1.3 million and is to be used for projects in math, science and technology. The technology proposals are designed to provide equitable minimum standards for classroom technology that will be specific to grade levels and departments.

## **Board rejects proposal for enrollment of children of nonresident staff**

In a 5-2 vote, the Board of Education rejected a proposal to allow enrollment of children of full-time, nonresident staff.

## **General Appropriations Act Amendment No. 2 passed**

Because of a decrease in enrollment and a decrease in the revenue from the State Categorical and 20J funding, GAAA #2 was presented to adjust both revenues and expenditures. This also accounted for the increase in funding due to the Section 99 "Gaffney" grant.

## **Parent representative needed for 3-year term on HSAB**

The Human Sexuality Advisory Board has a vacancy for a parent representative. The form and full announcement are on the district website. Forms are due March 23.

## **March agenda highlights**

In March the board will vote on the annual resolution to honor distinguished volunteers. This April will mark the 25th anniversary of that program. Also on March's agenda are textbook approvals for Grade 5 Delta Science Kits and curriculum revisions for K-7 Science in response to new grade level content standards the State released last January. Bids for North asbestos and B Building First Floor Interior Improvements are also on the docket. The school board welcomes comments on these or any topics at their email [schoolboard@gpschools.org](mailto:schoolboard@gpschools.org).