

# Board Briefs

July 2010

## **Next Meetings:**

Board regular meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, August 23, in the North High School Library, 707 Vernier, GPW.

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## **Superintendent's report**

The Superintendent's report included notice of the first duty day for teachers (9/1) as well as a reminder the first day of school for students is Tuesday, 9/7. Dr. Klein also shared summer school enrollment was up this year to 839 students. While summer school options include the expected credit recovery opportunities, many students are taking required courses in the summer so they can take more elective courses like Advanced Placement (AP) or languages during the school year. Others are taking advantage of skill strengthening and transition courses. Dr. Klein also shared State Superintendent Flanagan will be visiting GPPSS October 13.

## **Large consent agenda covers many annual business items**

In addition to the 4th grade social studies textbook (600 student books at \$44/each and 15 teacher resource kits at \$250/each = \$32,260) and 8th grade honors English textbook (Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson, at \$11.30/copy for 270 copies = \$3,051), the consent agenda included many annual business items. These range from membership in the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan High School Athletic Association, to approval of the following: resolutions on indemnification for liability and asbestos, approval of fidelity and treasurer's bonds, the school breakfast program, transfer agents for electronic funds, authorized debit/credit card users, and co-chairs for Human Sexuality Advisory Board (HSAB). Each year the Board is asked to approve appointment of HSAB co-chairs (one must be a parent of a child attending school in the district). The HSAB unanimously elected Michelle Petropoulos, a parent from Defer and a physician's assistant. Administration nominated Monique Beels, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction and Technology, as the administrator.

## **English textbook approvals were discussed**

Assistant Superintendent Monique Beels and curriculum specialist Liz Lulis shared information on the Middle School English and the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition textbooks selected. Classroom sets for the building were recommended, and it was noted that an online component that is password protected is included in the purchase price.

## **Information and discussion section covers current building projects**

In addition to the monthly financial and health care reports, there was a facilities audit and project report, a security and video surveillance report, and an enrollment update. Final audit numbers are not yet in. A report of sinking fund and bond expenditures is posted on the website, and a 20-year facility summary is on file in the board office for those who wish to review it. Major projects underway now are the Brownell Multipurpose Room (about 85% complete), Defer flooring, Kerby sidewalk, Maire parking and playground, Monteith ACM work, Poupard parking and playground, Richard roofing, South courtyard and first floor lighting, as well as numerous small updates in all the buildings. Enrollment is 118 students below the projection, but is expected to reach the projection by start of school.

## **Preview of August business - meeting to be held in North library**

August action items include the Superintendent Goals and Evaluation process, a contract with a third party health care provider, board policy revisions, and approval of five fifth grade novels (review copies available in curriculum office). Policy revisions include changes to 2431 Interscholastic Athletics, 5610.01 Permanent Expulsion, 5500a Student Code of Conduct, 5500b Athletic Code of Conduct. All policies are posted online at [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) under School Board, with a keyword search built into the site.