



### **Next Meetings:**

The next Board meeting is:

- Regular Meeting,  
Monday, 8/17, 7 p.m.  
Brownell MPR
- Policy Meeting,  
Thursday, 8/19, 6 p.m.  
Administration Building
- Regular Meeting,  
Monday, 8/24, 7 p.m.  
Brownell MPR

You can watch regular board meetings livestreamed or archived at <http://new.livestream.com/ac-counts/3685210> on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99. The July meeting was not videotaped but audio will be available online.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- By August 1 - all students entering grades 6 and 9 for the 2015-16 school year must re-verify residency. Those who do not cannot receive their classes or participate in any sports or extracurricular activities
- Online pre-registration opens August 10
- First day of school 9/8!
- Invite a friend to the GPPSS Open House 11/15 from 1-3 p.m.

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# Board Briefs

## July 2015

### **Superintendent report focuses on strategic planning proposal**

Dr. Niehaus introduced Michael Wilmot, President/CEO of Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI). Wilmot provided an overview of the proposed strategic planning process, including the timeline of 10-12 weeks, professional fee of \$12,000, community involvement opportunities, updating of our mission and vision, indicators of success, and establishing an ongoing process. The proposal is online and will be voted upon in August.

### **Good news items in July**

In the Superintendent's Report and the comments at the end of the meeting, the board and Dr. Niehaus noted the success of our Camp Invention program. This year 120 K-5 students participated, with 10 middle school helpers, 11 high school interns, and 5 GPPSS staff. Also noted was the safe return of our South Solar Car team from this summer's race <http://www.gpsolarcar.com/>.

### **Consent agenda includes annual business items**

In a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the consent agenda which included approval of: memberships in the MI High School Athletic Association and MI Association of School Boards; designated agents for liability and asbestos; fidelity and treasurer's bonds; the school breakfast program at five schools where 20% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced price lunch (Defer, Mason, Poupard, Parcels, North); and approval of tuition rates for specific cases when families enter/leave district.

### **Board unanimously rejects participation in School of Choice**

Since Proposal A was approved in 1994, the Board of Education has consistently voted each year to decline participation in School of Choice.

### **Board approves Human Resources report and minutes**

The board voted 5-0 to approve the human resources report and the minutes from June 22.

### **Action items for August**

August's agenda includes Superintendent Goals for 2015-16, the strategic planning proposal, the North/South Spanish trip to Costa Rica over winter break (February 13-20), and policies 9210 Parent Organizations and 9211 District Support Organizations. Per the suggestion of Neola, the board policy committee is recommending adoption of a new policy 9211 to be consistent with new State statutes and clearly outline district services to support organizations. If that is approved, the board will vote on eliminating the similar existing policy 9210.