Board Briefs

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Celebrate our students

The Superintendent's report included a pictorial Year in Review celebrating our staff and students for the accomplishments of the 2009-10 school year. This celebration continued with recognition of the Freshman Assist program's success. That PowerPoint is posted on the district website under Board - Presentations. Then Dr. Klein and the Board recognized two spectacular track stars from South, Coach Sumbera from North who has attained his 900th baseball win, and MSBO Band and Orchestra Teacher of the Year James Gross.

Two public hearings held on budget and the school breakfast program

Under State law, the district is annually required to hold a public hearing for the budget and the school breakfast program. Assistant Superintendent Christian Fenton walked the public through highlights of the Budget Book. Then Board Treasurer Brendan Walsh presented an overview of the budget process and highlights of budget version five. Changes were related to reinstating personnel cut in previous versions. All are posted online. Printed versions of the budget book are also available in the Superintendent's Office. There were no registered public speakers for either hearing. Later in the meeting, the budget passed 5-2.

Consent agenda, contracts and budget amendment pass

"Everything's An Argument: With Readings" was passed 7-0 as the text for the new English Language Arts course *Power of Language*. The system-wide bid for roofing repairs also passed 7-0. Those were the only items on the consent agenda. Action items that passed included the contract for food services, the contract with Professional Educational Services Group (PESG for coaches, substitute teachers and non-instructional personnel), the special education transportation bid, the contract with Temporary School Services for South's principal, and GAAA#3 which reflected year-end activity to maintain the balanced budget.

All proposed technology purchases approved

Technology bids the Board approved included renewal of Microsoft software and the Toshiba copier leasing contract, and purchase of reconditioned computers, antivirus software, elementary school servers, and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education gifts ($300,000 to date, with $125,000 left to raise to meet the Boll Technology Challenge).

Construction bids

There were six bids the Board discussed. Three dealt with roofing projects:
- North PAC roof replacement (Schena Roofing for low bid of $52,600)
- North "B" building roof repairs (Fisher Roofing for low bid of $32,690)
- Richard roof replacement (Fisher Roofing for low bid of $28,176)
Two dealt with asbestos at Monteith and North -- abatement (Certified Abatement for $141,890) and general trades (North American for $85,189). The last was to move the Poupard playground away from the service drive and make it more handicap accessible through a joint project with their PTO (Landscape Structures for $230,650).

Preview of July business - meeting to be held in Parcells Auditorium

Fourth grade social studies curriculum, the 8th grade textbook for Honors English, memberships in the Michigan Association of School Boards and Michigan High School Athletic Association, Cochairs for the Human Sexuality Advisory Board, and numerous annual business items will be on the July agenda.