

# Board Briefs

November 2010

## **Next Meetings:**

Board regular meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, December 13, in the **South** High School Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

Board meeting 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.

To access background documents for upcoming agendas, please visit the board calendar. Past agendas and background documents are also archived online under the School Board dropdown. Note that minutes are not posted until approved at the next monthly board meeting.

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## **All contracts settled as GPPA and GPESPA approved by Board**

The 7-0 approval of the Grosse Pointe Plant Association (GPPA) and the Grosse Pointe Educational Support Personnel Association (GPESPA) contracts brings district negotiations to a close. All contracts now extend through 2013.

## **Superintendent honors Distinguished Employees and students**

Dr. Klein's Superintendent's report included the 3rd annual Distinguished Employee recognition. This year the honorees included: Andrew Backman, Defer; Patricia Bartos, Mason; Maryjane Gaspar, Poupard; Stephen Geresy, South; Tricia Gout, Defer; Lisa Khoury, Parcels; Ann Lightbody, Kerby; Madeline Salonen, North; Jane Schmidt, South; Ronald Wardie, Defer; and Glen Williams, Maire. Also recognized were two Chinese Language students - South took second place in Michigan's Second Annual China Quiz Bowl.

## **GPFPE and The Anne R. Hudson Fund present gifts**

Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (GPFPE) brought five more gifts for Board of Education acceptance. These included: \$1,350 for Elementary Foreign Language; \$1,000 for FAST Reading; \$5,000 for the District Robotics Team; \$3,500 for Challenge Day; and \$18,000 for Elementary Homework Club. These bring GPFPE gifts to over \$1.1 million to date and the Boll Technology Challenge continues. The Anne R. Hudson Fund also provided \$25,000 for board acceptance directed to the SERVE (Students Electing to Respond to Volunteerism through Education) community service program.

## **Another clean audit and the first GAAA top business news**

The district's independent financial audit was conducted by BDO Seidman. Their representative shared it was another clean, unqualified audit and thanked Christian Fenton, Isha Smith and the business staff for their cooperation in the process. The report is online at [www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org). Approved under regular business was the first General Appropriations Act Amendment (GAAA#1) for the year, also available online.

## **High School Program of Studies for 2011-12 reviewed**

Assistant Superintendent Monique Beels provided an overview of changes to the high school program of studies. Noted changes include: adding the Power of Language 11th grade course as a requirement, removing MI Promise Scholarship (no longer offered by State), referring NCAA questions to the website, removing pilot status from 4 art classes, and adjusting course descriptions moving North's yearbook to the English department.

## **Action items for December**

Approval of two new policies (Policy 5111.02, Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Policy 6850, Public Disclosure and Reporting) and modification of administrative guideline 5500A for the Student Code of Conduct were discussed in November for a December decision. The military policy reinforces our district's existing practice to provide a smooth transition for military families moving into GPPSS and is in compliance with the Interstate Compact and Memorandum of Agreement developed by the armed forces. The Code of Conduct guideline also formalizes the current operating procedure by clarifying steps taken when a student is recommended for expulsion. Regarding Policy 6850, Public Act 121 of 2010 requires specific financial disclosure and reporting by school districts in a form and manner prescribed by the Department of Education.