



Next Meetings:

There will be a work session at 7 p.m., November 19, and a regular meeting at 7 p.m., November 26, in the **Brownell Multi-Purpose Room**, 260 Chalfonte, GPF.

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Mark Your Calendar:

- Board Policy meeting at 6 p.m., November 1 at the administration building, 389 St. Clair
- Vote November 6
- District-wide Open House, Sunday, 11-11 from 1-3 p.m. in every school

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Board Briefs

October 2012

Superintendent report celebrates numerous good news items

Dr. Harwood started the evening by celebrating our 12 National Merit and Commended students, recognizing North's Daniel Quinn for being selected by Phi Delta Kappan as an Emerging Leader, announcing our annual Distinguished Employee recognition in November, and reminding the community of our Open House 11-11 from 1-3 at every school. He then thanked Rotary members who provided a check for \$1,720 to each of the high school athletic departments.

Board approves two leases

Every October action item passed 7-0, including a lease of office space at Barnes School by the GPEA teacher's union. The lease was reviewed by district attorneys and is based on a rate of \$18/square foot for 8 months, November through June. Later in the meeting, the Board approved 7-0 a lease by the district from Full Circle Foundation. The Full Circle Foundation, Inc. (FCF) is a non-profit foundation that supports Full Circle Upscale Resale store. Board members of the Foundation are Karl Kratz, Bill Mestdagh and Mary Fodell. FCF recently purchased a building at Mack Avenue and Cadieux in Grosse Pointe Park. Currently, the district's Community Classroom serves approximately 15 students and would have the potential to double the number of students served through this additional space. The lease, reviewed by district counsel is through June, 2013. The monthly rental is \$1,500 and is covered under Act 18 reimbursements.

New software will help district track graduate data and manage transcripts

The Board approved the purchase of Naviance software at an initial three-year cost of \$22,346. There will be an ongoing software cost for subsequent years based upon student enrollment numbers. Naviance will fulfill the state mandated submission requirements for student transcripts as well as provide additional information such as tracking college applications. This purchase was researched by the North and South Counseling chairs, Barbara Skelly and Beth Walsh-Sahutske.

Items on the November agenda

The Board reviewed the following for action in November:

- Technology contract for E-rate services
- Revised Policy 1240 on Superintendent Evaluation to ensure all board members have opportunity to participate in the process
- Regular business items not yet available for review include the human resources report and minutes from this October meeting

Informational items

In the monthly financial reports, Mr. Fenton said the district was on target and adjustments will be made next month after reviewing the blended enrollment and audit findings. Mr. Fenton noted that on the official October count date for the 2012-13 school year, enrollment stood at 8,342 FTE's. This is 84 fewer students than the 2011-12 actual enrollment -- down 53 students at high school, 10 students at middle school, and 23 students at the elementary level. Maureen Bur then provided a calendar of student testing dates. Then Trustee Walsh provided an update on Policy Committee activity.

Special meeting October 15 on residency affidavit resulted in no change

On October 15, the Board met after a closed session to vote upon a revised residency affidavit at the request of trustees Jakubiec and Pangborn. Those trustees removed a phrase stating any students without a notarized residency affidavit on file or confirmed through an investigation would be removed from school January 18. The motion did not pass.