



Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting is:

- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 1/12, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR
- Policy Meeting,
Wednesday, 1/14, 6 p.m.
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- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 1/26, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR

The 2015 Board meeting calendar will be set and published once the newly elected Board members are sworn in this January. 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.

Mark Your Calendar:

- 8th Grade Parent Info Night, 6:30 p.m., 1/7, North PAC, South Auditorium
- Middle School Incoming 6th Grade Info Nights:
 - Brownell 7 p.m., 1/13
 - Parcels 6:30 p.m., 1/12 in Auditorium
 - Pierce 6 p.m., 1/15
- Kindergarten Open House at every GPPSS elementary – 7 p.m., 1/15
- Multi-Age Info Night – Trombly Elementary Library, 6:30 p.m., 1/22

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Board Briefs

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North's Freshman Assist Program earns national award

GPPSS was one of only 49 districts across the United States and Canada that was recognized for earning a District of Distinction Award. Our honor was earned for the Freshman Assist and Mentor Leadership program at North High School. To read the article in District Administration, visit <http://tiny.cc/1114090>

Trustees Jakubiec and Dindoffer thanked for their service

Trustee Jakubiec (elected 2009) and Board President Dindoffer (17.5 years on the BOE) were warmly thanked for their years of service to the community.

Board unanimously approves three policies and a bylaw

The Policy committee presented for a second reading policies 8390 Animals on District Property, 8405 Environmental Health and Safety, and 9160 Public Attendance at School Events, as well as Bylaw 0144.3 Conflict of Interest (for school board members). They all passed 5-0, bringing the policies into compliance with new State laws and NEOLA proposals, and improving the cross-reference list on policies that impact each other. Once approved, all policies are posted on our district site under the School Board menu.

Fenton named Homeless Liaison Officer

Per state and federal requirements, the GPPSS must appoint a Homeless Liaison Officer to coordinate programs and services for students who are identified as Homeless. The board voted 5-0 to name Deputy Superintendent Christian Fenton our district's Homeless Liaison Officer. He will complete all necessary documentation/reports and submit them to governmental entities.

Info & Discussion

Board members were provided the opportunity to declare their interest in officer positions. All present, including incoming trustee Margaret Weertz, shared they would be willing to serve in any capacity at the will of their fellow board members. The officers, the board calendar and their declaration of compensation are all part of the regular organizational items on the January 26 agenda. Also included as annual organizational items are a resolution of continuance of funds and designation of signatories on accounts, as well as representatives to MAISL for Property/Liability Insurance Underwriter.

Also under Information and Discussion, Deputy Superintendent Fenton provided an update on the Superintendent Search process. He distributed hard copies of the RFP for the search firm. Board members have been asked for feedback by the end of the week so these could be mailed to search firms and posted online.

The monthly financial report and health care report showed nothing unusual. The first General Appropriations Act Amendment (GAAA#1) is on the January agenda and will reflect budget changes due to enrollment that track to the Budget Model Utility (BMU). Budget documents are regularly updated online.