



Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting is:

- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 3/23, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR to
discuss Superintendent
Search
- Policy Meeting,
Wednesday, 3/31, 6 p.m.
Board Room, 389 St.
Clair
- Regular Meetings, Mon-
day, 4/20 & 4/27, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR

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channel 99.

Mark Your Calendar:

- High School Conferences
3/18 & 3/19
- Maire Fair 3/21
- Elementary Conferences
3/25 & 3/26 (no school for
elementary students 3/26)
- Deadline to establish
residency is 5/1 to attend
Kindergarten Transition
Event in May

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Board Briefs

March 2015

Distinguished Volunteer Awards Resolution passes unanimously

Since 1984, the Board of Education has annually recognized community members who have made significant contributions to the school system through their volunteer efforts. A subcommittee of the board evaluates submissions and will bring their recommendations to the Board for approval in April. The distinguished volunteers will be announced and recognized April 27.

Board approves second budget amendment of the year

The district is required by law to maintain a balanced budget. Any time a change is made to the budget they pass each June, the board must publicly approve a General Appropriations Act Amendment. This amendment focused on 4 areas: 1) an increase in funds used for residency investigations (\$50,000), 2) increase in spending not anticipated for the superintendent search (\$40,000), 3) a slight decrease in health care costs, 4) adjusting revenue to federal grants such as Title I and to state aid due to enrollment below projections (\$220,000). Motion passed 6-0, Trustee Pangborn was not in attendance. It was noted our projected fund equity will be back up to \$7,351,129 by the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

North turf and South slate roof projects approved

Like South High School's turf replacement project of last year, North's field was also two years beyond the projected useful life and in need of work. The Board approved a bid for removal and grading of the field for \$118,000 by S&H Trucking and Excavating, and a bid for turf replacement for \$456,690 by A-Turf Inc. Both were low bidders and both components will come from the sinking fund. The board also unanimously approved phase 3 of 4 for the slate tile roof project at South High School. This went to Royal Roofing Co. for \$199,790, also from the sinking fund. Diagrams of the projects are linked from the Board agenda that is posted on the web calendar.

Board will post electronic communication for added transparency

While the motion passed 6-0 to post electronic communication between 3 or more board members, the administration will work with the Board policy subcommittee to establish administrative guidelines to do so, proactively treating it as if it were a Freedom of Information Act request and in line with Policies 8310 and 8350. If board responses are related to an agenda action item, the email will be posted from that link online; if not directly related to an action item they will be posted via a link entitled "School Board Electronic Communications." Personal information may be redacted as permissible by FOIA guidelines.

Action items for April

Next month the board will review three more policies: 9800 high school diplomas to World War II, Korean, and now Vietnam veterans; and 5830 student fundraising, and 8540 vending machines to bring into compliance with exiting state laws and USDA dietary guidelines for smart snacks. The board will also review three bids: Pierce auditorium seating, North High School pool liner, and North High School tennis courts.