



### **Next Meetings:**

The next Board meeting is:

- Regular Meeting, Monday, 5/11, 7 p.m. **North library**
- Regular Meeting, Monday, 5/18, 7 p.m. Brownell MPR

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### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Gala May 16
- Kindergarten Transition Event May 12

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# Board Briefs

## April 2015

### **Distinguished Volunteers celebrated**

The Board of Education annually recognizes community members who have made significant contributions to the school system through volunteer efforts. Help us thank this year's recipients: Wendy Bruetsch, Trombly; Michelle Carlson, Brownell; Janice Fox, Poupard; Katja Joint, Maire; Lea Madro, Mason; Mary Beth Nicholson, North; Stephen Robinson, Monteith; Lindsay Rusch, Trombly; Madelyn Torakis, Parcels; and Valerie Wouters-Seagram, Maire.

### **District shares ASD awareness activities**

Student and staff representatives shared numerous efforts underway to ensure all students feel connected in our school community. A video presentation was made showcasing the talents of our students with autism, participants in the peer to peer programs shared their experiences, our "Wear Blue on 4/2" event was discussed, and student artwork was displayed as people entered the MPR.

### **Three policies pass 5-0**

Policies 9800 High School Diplomas to Veterans (WWII, Korea, Vietnam); 5830 Student Fundraising, and 8540 Vending Machines all passed 5-0, bringing them in line with current state laws and USDA guidelines. Trustees Ismail and Pangborn were not able to attend.

### **Bids on pool liner, tennis courts and auditorium seating pass 5-0**

Three projects from the sinking fund passed 5-0: North High School pool liner, North tennis courts, and Pierce auditorium seating. Substantial contributions from the community were obtained for the tennis courts and auditorium seating.

### **Electronic posting of board email made retroactive to January 1**

While the motion passed last month 6-0 to post electronic communication between 3 or more board members going forward, this month the board voted 4-1 to make that retroactive to January 1 when the new trustees took office. A first reading of the administrative guideline for that policy 8315 was discussed. First readings of Policy 5517.01 Bullying and Cyber bullying, and Policy 8300 Freedom of Information Act were also conducted. Those will be voted on in May.

### **Action items for May**

In addition to the policies, it is anticipated the board will review bids for textbooks and the Richard gym floor. The board will also look at leases for: The Family Center, Full Circle, Grosse Pointe Education Association, and GPFPE. No changes to the current leases are anticipated at this time. The board will also vote on the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) budget and the proposed South Choir trip to Ireland February 12-20, 2016. Any time a student group goes outside the continental U.S. the board must approve the trip.