



Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting is:

- Policy Meeting,
Wednesday, 6/27, 6 p.m.
Administration Building
- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 6/15, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR
- Regular Meeting,
Monday, 6/22, 7 p.m.
Brownell MPR

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Mark Your Calendar:

- South graduation, 6/10, 6:30 pm, South Front Lawn
- North Graduation, 6/11, North Soccer Field
- Last day of school, 6/11
- First Day of Camp O' Fun, 6/15
- First Day of GPPSS Summer Learning Program 6/6 for grades 7-12 at North, and 6/7 for grades K-6 at Maire
- By August 1 - all students entering grades 6 and 9 for the 2015-16 school year must re-verify residency

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Board Briefs

May 2015

Board unanimously approves contract for new Superintendent

The Board of Education approved a three-year contract for Dr. Gary C. Niehaus 6-0. Trustee Pangborn was not able to be present, but sent word that Dr. Niehaus also has her full support. All trustees welcomed him to the community. He will start June 1. Until then, Dr. Dean and Mr. Fenton remain acting superintendents.

Student innovation celebrated in Gearheads presentation

The combined North-South Gearheads 1189 First Robotics team made a presentation to the Board of Education about their program and recent trip to Globals. To learn more, visit their official site: <http://gearheads1189.weebly.com/>

District receives \$236,000 grant to update security

Deputy Superintendent Christian Fenton shared that the district had received a \$236,000 grant from the State of Michigan for additional security cameras.

Public Hearing held on updated Bullying policy

To remain compliant with current legislation, the district held a public hearing about Policy 5517.01 Bullying and Cyberbullying prior to its 6-0 approval by the Board. The policy was updated to keep it in line with state and federal guidelines. There were no public comments about the policy.

Board approves large consent agenda

The consent agenda included the Human Resources report; minutes from May 11; approval of two board policies Bullying (see above) and Freedom of Information Act; and continuation of leases for The Family Center, Full Circle, Grosse Pointe Education Association, and the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. There were no changes to the lease agreements. Also included in the consent agenda, was approval of curriculum updates for Business and for Library Media. You can watch those presentations from May 11 on Livestream.

Approval of layoffs pass

It is never easy to approve resolutions regarding layoffs of personnel, but to maintain a balanced budget the district annually presents layoff lists based on anticipated state and federal funding as well as actual enrollment figures. This year, there are seven support personnel and two teachers on the lists. In public comments, the GPEA thanked the administration for the care and thought that went into the professional dialogues surrounding these layoffs.

Board approves resolution to support the Wayne RESA budget

The Board voted 6-0 to approve support of the Wayne County RESA budget.

Action items for June

Next month the board will present a balanced budget for 2015-16. It will also bring forward General Appropriations Act Amendment (GAAA) #3. Also on the agenda is extension of central office administrative contracts, approval of the elementary social studies curriculum, and approval of the French I textbook.