



# **BOARD BRIEFS**

**September 12, 2005**

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Suzanne Klein provided a preview of the school system's redesigned web site (design work provided by Portage Media) and mentioned the League of Women Voter's forum on school finance scheduled for September 19 at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial auditorium.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

The Board approved the hiring of 16 instructional staff members and 10 classroom assistants. They also noted the retirements of two instructional staff members: Greg Heffner and Nancy Piech.

## **TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT**

The Board approved a contract with Jeffrey & Associates to provide computer software and hardware support for administration, curriculum, and instruction for the 2005-2006 school year, with payments not to exceed \$70,000 unless further approval is granted.

## **2005 TAX RATES**

The Board adopted a resolution calling for a 6.2647 Homestead "Gap" millage for operating purposes, 18.0000 mills for Non-Homestead, 0.9761 for Sinking Fund, and 1.3090 for Debt.

## **TEXTBOOK APPROVAL**

The Board approved the adoption of *Biology: AP Edition* by N. Campbell and J. Pearson Reece (published by Education, Inc.) for AP Biology Classes Grades 10-12.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB LEASE**

The Board approved a flat-fee lease for the Neighborhood Club's use of school system fields and facilities in the amount of \$24,000 for the 2005-2006 school year.

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT**

The Board approved a contract with Kristen Walkowicz (formerly Kristen Kohlruss) for physical therapy and occupational therapy services. It is estimated these services to

special education students in our private and parochial schools will be approximately \$20,000 for the 2005-2006 school year.

### **CASH FLOW BORROWING**

The Board approved a resolution not to exceed \$9.5 million in State Aid borrowing and authorized the Superintendent to sign and approve the necessary documents.

### **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

An enrollment update and a project update were provided, the 2005-2006 Elementary Curriculum Guide was presented for review, and proposed revisions in Board Policy DFG (Fees, Payments and Rentals) were discussed. In addition, a Study Travel Warning Update was provided, and there was a discussion regarding the Reinstatement Review Panel for 2005-2006.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A conference meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 3, 2005, at 8 p.m. in the Wicking Library at South High School.
- A regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, October 10, at 8 p.m. in the Wicking Library.
- Dates and agendas for additional Board meetings and sub-committee meetings can be found at [www.gpschools.org/newpub/agendas.htm](http://www.gpschools.org/newpub/agendas.htm).