



BOARD BRIEFS

February 21, 2005

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Suzanne Klein reported that parents of district students can provide input about the school system calendar by going to www.gpschools.org or by obtaining a copy of the survey at any school in the district. She also said that the Grade 6-12 Industrial Arts Curriculum Study Committee is looking for parent volunteers to serve as members of the committee.

Dr. Klein reported on several honors received by students and staff. At South High School, students received 34 awards in the 2005 Southeastern Michigan Regional Scholastic Arts Awards competition. At Parcels Middle School, students participated as members of the Mathcounts team at the University of Michigan. In addition, students throughout the district have engaged in fundraising for tsunami relief and other programs. Dr. Klein also talked about enrollment for kindergarten and a parenting symposium sponsored by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved a leave of absence for one instructional staff member, and resignations or retirements of one instructional staff members, one office staff member, one technology staff person, and three classroom assistants, and they expressed condolences regarding the death of a classroom assistant at Ferry Elementary School.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

The Board approved the Middle School Program of Studies for 2005-2006, which includes no major changes.

K-12 LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM REVISIONS

The Board approved revisions in the Language Arts curriculum that include all of the state level expectations for K-8 in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Items have also been added to improve rigor and support. The curriculum also incorporates revisions required to meet Michigan K-12 standards, multi-year benchmarks, Michigan grade level content expectations, and Grosse Pointe grade level expectations.

457 PLAN

The Board approved a 457-b tax-sheltered savings program for all school district employees. The plan allows employees to invest pre-tax dollars for later withdrawal when they are presumably in a lower tax bracket.

PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT

The Board approved a contract with Michigan Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services to provide physical therapy services in the absence of the school system's regular physical therapist, who has taken a leave of absence.

BIDS

The Board approved a bid in the amount of \$314,465 from Rayhaven Equipment for the locker replacement project at South (to be financed out of the sinking fund) and a bid in the amount of \$523,232 to Seabrook IXL for the installation of windows at Brownell Middle School.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A millage update, the Board election calendar, Camp o' Fun fees for Summer 2005, and an update from the Project Oversight Committee were presented and discussed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- >Special Meeting of the Board: Tuesday, February 22, 9:30 p.m., 389 St. Clair.
- >Board work session: Monday, March 7, 6 p.m. (followed by Conference Meeting of the Board in Wicking Library at South High School).
- >Regular Meeting of the Board: March 14, 8 p.m., Wicking Library, South High School.

Suzanne Klein