

BOARD BRIEFS



SUMMARY OF THE GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING,
NOVEMBER 15, 2004

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Klein recognized students who had received special accommodations as Advanced Placement Scholars with Distinction (two students) and with Honors (nine students) and as National Merit Commended Students (11 students) and Semifinalists (14 students). She also recognized volunteers Jill Leone, Mary Ann Cafagna, James Goolsbee, Nick Woods, Despie Markus, Joan McCarty, Laura O'Connor, and Annie MacAskill for their presentation of the 4th grade Disability Awareness Workshops.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved the appointment of three classroom assistants and two custodians.

AUDIT REPORT

The Board approved the 2004-2005 Financial Audit Report and Single Audit Act Report as recommended by the Audit Committee.

BIDS

The Board awarded the bid for the Monteith elevator to Degenhardt & Sons for \$770,285 and agreed to contract with Michigan Mechanical Abatement, Inc., and Certified Abatement Services for environmental work for one year as needed through November 30, 2005, with an option to renew the contract for the following year. The Board also awarded the contracted for the Parcels multi-purpose room to Bernco, Inc., for \$1,498,750.

FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved the following field trips: South High School Band and Orchestra to Toronto, Canada; Trombly students to Ska-Na-Doht Native American Village in Melbourne, Ontario, Canada; and Pierce Orchestra and Choir to Toronto, Ontario, Canada. All three trips required that the Board waive its "Study Warning" for foreign field trips. The Study Warning is still in effect because the State Department continues to extend its "Worldwide Caution" for Americans traveling outside the United States.

BOARD ELECTIONS

The Board approved a resolution to hold the Regular School Election on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

MILLAGE ELECTION

Action on the proposed millage election was postponed pending discussion at the November 15 work session.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Presentations included an update on bond projects and information about Middle School football. The Staff development update and Community Education annual report were postponed until the December meeting due to lack of time.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A conference Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2004, and a regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2004. Both meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library at South High School.

Suzanne Klein