



BOARD BRIEFS

May 9, 2005

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Suzanne Klein offered congratulations to the Honors Band and Orchestra for their concert at Parcels, noted many upcoming events in May and June, invited board and audience members to view projects on display from students in the Industrial Technology classes taught by Ken Ginger, and congratulated North math teacher Jessica Roman on her nomination as Grosse Pointe's entry in the Wayne County RESA Teacher of the Year competition.

Dr. Klein reviewed the results of the school board election and thanked the three candidates who had run for the vacant positions. She congratulated Joan Dindoffer for her return to the Board, welcomed Alice Kosinski to the Board as Joe Brennan's replacement, and thanked Mr. Brennan for his service to the school system.

Dr. Klein also provided an update on issues that had been raised during the previous week regarding residency requirements for enrolling in the school system. She discussed plans for reviewing the enrollment process and said that the school system's attorney, Mark McInerney, would be at the June 6 meeting to address this issue.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved the appointment of one classroom assistant and noted the retirement for one instructional staff member (see below for additional retirement information) and the resignations of two instructional employees.

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The Board adopted a resolution to opt out of the Schools of Choice provision of PA 300 and made note of Board Policy JBC, which traditionally provides two exceptions to the school board's residency policy.

G.A.A.A. #4

The Board approved two major adjustments to the budget. The first was for Special Education county Act 18 revenues and offsetting expenses, and the second was for state

per-pupil Special Education revenue adjustments from prior years. The two adjustments resulted in a net fund equity increase of \$778,350.

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

The Board of Education approved a waiver of its Study Warning (Policy IFCB) to allow overnight trips to Ontario, Canada, so that the North and South crew team can attend the annual St. Catherine's regatta in June and the Royal Canadian Henley in August. The Board also approved a waiver of its Study Warning so that the South Honors Earth Science classes can make a day trip to Ontario on May 12 to conduct a geologic study of a paleo-environment where Devonian Age fossils are found.

BIDS

(1) The Board awarded the contract for the Mason School gym replacement project to Star School Flooring Corporation for \$29,485.

(2) The Board awarded the contract for the South water main replacement to A.G. Excavating for \$139,000.

(3) The Board awarded the contract for the Ferry parking lot expansion and resurfacing project to Pro-Line Asphalt for \$125,500.

EAROBICS © LITERACY LAUNCH

The Board approved Earobics © Literacy Launch, a computer-based instructional program that provides individualized training for kindergarten and first-grade students who need special assistance in developing reading and writing skills.

RETIREMENTS

The Board adopted a resolution to honor the service of the following staff members who are retiring: Charles Eriksen (Parcells), Helen Finkelman (Ferry), Rodger Hynan (North), Pamela Lemerand (Student Services), Margaret Monaghan (North), Susan Nowosad (Maire), Janet Watt (Ferry), and Thomas Williams (Brownell). *NOTE: Following the Board meeting, retirement notices were submitted by Sandra Buell (Pierce), Donica Keogh (Parcells), Constance Mergos (Poupard), Barbara Sangret (South), and William W. Taylor (Parcells).*

WCRESA BUDGET

The Board tabled the Resolution on the WCRESA Budget for 2005-2006 for further discussion and action at a later date. *NOTE: It was brought back for a vote on May 16, at which time it was approved, with revisions to the resolution.*

G. P. A. A. CONTRACT

The Board accepted and ratified the 2004-2007 successor labor agreement with the Grosse Pointe Administrators Association.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- Updates were provided from the Project Oversight, Revenue Enhancement, and Policy Committees. A draft of a proposed policy regarding state-mandated community-service requirements for Michigan Merit scholarships was presented and discussed.

- Nine qualified candidates have submitted their names to fill the current vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees.
- Wage and benefit modifications for the Non-Instructional Supervisor (NIS) employee group and for the Paraprofessional and Technology (non-NIS) employee groups were presented and discussed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A **conference meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 6, 2005, in Wicking Library at South High School.
- The **regular meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 13, 2005, at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library at South High School.
- Dates of additional meetings can be found at www.gpschools.org/newpub/agendas.htm.

Suzanne Klein