



BOARD BRIEFS

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Suzanne Klein announced that the 2005-2006 school year will start on Tuesday, September 6, and she noted that the school calendar for the coming year can be found on the school system's web site. Along with members of the Board of Education, Dr. Klein presented Golden Apple Awards to the following Distinguished Volunteers: Susan Brown (Monteith), Mary Anne Cafagna and Jill Leone (Barnes Early Childhood Center), Christine Cullen* (Monteith), Don DeLaura (South), Linda Kubacki (Poupard), Jan McGraw (North), Patricia Rivera (Pierce), Tony Valentine (Poupard), and Mary Wolking (South).

**unable to attend*

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved the appointment of two Special Education (autistic impairment) classroom assistants and noted the resignation of one classroom assistant and the retirement of another.

G.A.A.A. #3

The Board approved General Appropriations Act #3, which includes increases in basic program costs due to the GPEA (teachers' union) settlement and increases in administration and operation costs due to changes in school elections, which are now administered by local municipalities, rather than school systems. To cover these increases, the Board agreed to a \$1,100,000 decrease in the school system's fund equity.

REAPPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The Board approved the reappointment of BDO Seidman as the district's auditors for one additional year at \$20,000 for 2004-2005.

BIDS

▪ **Gym Dehumidifiers for Trombly, Poupard, and Kerby:** The Board accepted a \$254,621 bid from Denny's Heating to provide gym dehumidification units for the gyms at Trombly, Poupard, and Kerby, to be paid for out of the bond issue and sinking fund.

The gym humidification project for Monteith is being delayed one year due to other construction at the school.

- **North Transformer:** The Board awarded the contract for transformer replacement at North High School to Transformer Inspection Retrofill. The cost of \$198,518 will be paid totally out of the sinking fund.
- **North Univent Replacement:** The Board accepted R.W. Mead & Sons' \$364,900 bid for North's unit ventilator replacement, to be paid for out of the energy bond and the sinking fund.
- **North Gym Dehumidifier:** The Board awarded the \$208,000 contract for North High School's gym dehumidification to Long Mechanical. The cost will be paid out of the school system's bond issue.
- **Roofing:** The Board awarded the contract for proposed roof projects at Pierce and Monteith to Schena Roofing for \$463,394. The cost will be funded from the bond issue.
- **Administration Building Parking Lot:** The Board accepted a bid of \$62,000 from Pro-Line Asphalt for the parking lot at the Administration Building. This project will be paid for out of the sinking fund.
- **Barnes Parking Lot:** The Board awarded the contract for the Barnes parking lot to Pro-Line Asphalt for \$292,738, to be paid for out of the sinking fund (resurfacing) and bond issue (new construction expansion).
- **Monteith Parking Lot:** The Board accepted a bid in the amount of \$157,000 for the parking lot project at Monteith. The new construction expansion portion of the project will be funded by the bond issue; the resurfacing portion of the project will be paid for out of the sinking fund.
- **Ferry Parking Lot:** This bid was tabled until May conference Board meeting, at which time the configuration for the parking lot will be finalized.
- **Ferry HVAC:** The Board approved a bid from Denny's Heating and Cooling for \$556,336 for Ferry's HVAC project, to be financed out of the bond and sinking funds.

REVISION OF POLICY JHCA

The Board approved a revision of Policy JHCA (Student Media), which provides guidelines for both school-sponsored and non-school-sponsored print, oral, and electronic student media. The revision is designed to ensure that student freedom of expression is protected. At the same time, the revised policy outlines circumstances under which materials may be removed or distribution cancelled, as well as the process to be followed when appealing such decisions.

APPROVAL OF CONSULTING CONTRACT

The Board approved a contract with the firm of Richner & Richner, L.L.C., to conduct a capacity-building study to determine the school district's fundraising capabilities and to develop a fundraising model for the school system. The cost for the four-month project will be approximately \$24,750.

GIFTS

- **Defer PTO gift:** The Board gratefully accepted a gift in the amount of \$60,000 to complete the second-floor air conditioning at Defer Elementary School. This will allow the remaining eight classrooms to be air conditioned.

- **Ferry PTO gift:** With deep appreciation, the Board accepted a gift in the amount of \$70,000 to provide air conditioning for the remaining twelve class rooms at Ferry Elementary School.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

- **Minutes of Wayne County Canvassers:** These were available for information only.
- **Grosse Pointe Library Board Vacancy:** Board President Joan Richardson announced that, due to John Bruce's resignation from the board of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, the school system is required to appoint a replacement to fill this vacancy. Notices regarding the vacancy and the deadline for applicants have been announced in local newspapers and elsewhere.
- **Project Oversight Update:** In Jeff Broderick's absence, Lisa Vreede provided an update on construction and renovation projects taking place throughout the district. She noted that the Ferry parking lot and the change order for the Defer air conditioning project will be added to the agenda for the committee's next meeting.
- **Revenue Enhancement Committee Update:** Lisa Vreede reported that the committee will move forward with the capacity-building study now that the contract with Richner & Richner has been approved.
- **Board Policy Sub-Committee Update:** Joan Dindoffer reported that, at its last meeting, the committee reviewed the Library Board policy and is doing research to determine how to change the library's board from an appointed board to an elected board. She also reported that the next policy to be reviewed is the state's new community service requirement (40 hours) for Michigan Merit Scholarships.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A **conference meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 2, 2005, at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library at South High School.
- The **regular meeting** of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library at South High School.

Suzanne Klein