

BOARD BRIEFS

October 11, 2004

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Suzanne Klein noted that school discussed the annual P.A. 25 reports regarding student achievement, which Michigan school districts are required by law to present to their communities. She discussed the district's P.A. 25 report and noted that reports from the individual schools are being presented to their respective parent groups. These reports, which provide information about student achievement in core curriculum areas, school improvement plans, and other information, are also available on the school system's web site (www.gpschools.org).

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved the appointment of four instructional personnel and one classroom assistant, as well as the resignation of one instructional staff member.

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The Board approved the General Appropriations Act Amendment #1, which includes increases in state aid due to the restoration of cuts previously proposed, as well as some adjustments to beginning fund equity based on the prior year's audit report.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON REGULAR ELECTION

The Board approved a resolution calling for a public hearing to be held in November to discuss options regarding the date of the regular election for Board of Education members. Due to changes in state law, the school system must make this decision by December 31, 2004.

BIDS

The Board approved the following bids:

>**Tractor:** Low bid of \$50,249 was accepted for the purchase of a JCB Model 212SL Utility Loader Tractor from AIS Construction Equipment Company.

>**Uninterrupted power supply:** The Board approved the purchase of UPS systems in the amount of up to \$40,000 from CDW through the NJPA purchasing cooperative.

>**North drive repaving:** Bid of \$51,326 was accepted from R & B Paving, Inc., for North drive replacement.

>**District-wide facilities (ceilings):** Bid from William E. Harnish Acoustical was accepted for work to be done over the next three years. If scheduling problems or other concerns arise, Ren-Cen Interiors will be awarded the contract.

>**District-wide facilities (fencing):** The Board awarded contracts to Future Fence Company and Michigan Fence Company for fencing replacement as needed through September 15, 2007.

APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved a field trip for the Parcels 7th and 8th grade instrumental music students at staff to participate in the Music-In-The-Parks Festival to be held in Toronto, Canada, May 13-15, 2005. The Board also approved a field trip for 44 Mason fourth graders and staff members to make a day trip to Ska-Na-Doht Native American Village, Longwoods Road Conservation Area, Melbourne, Ontario, Canada on December 7, 2004. Both trips required that the Board waive the Board's "Study Warning" for foreign field trips. The Study Warning is still in effect because the U.S. State Department continues to extend it "Worldwide Caution" for American traveling outside the United States.

REINSTATEMENT DECISION

The Board approved a recommendation from the Reinstatement Panel to deny reinstatement for a student who had been expelled.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

There were presentations and discussions regarding improvements to the district's web site; an update on summer programs; updates on building, site, and bond projects; updates on the deliberations of the revenue enhancement committee and the budget committee; and the Monteith elevator and Parcels multi-purpose room.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A conference meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, November 1, 2004, at 8 p.m. and the Board's regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, at 8 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Wicking Library of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Suzanne Klein