

BOARD BRIEFS

December 13, 2004



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Klein discussed holiday musical events throughout the district, noted that North students had won the Michigan Mathematics prize competition, and reported that school system students would be transporting the last 100 books from the old Park branch library to the new branch in a "Children's Book Brigade." She also noted that the "Partners in Learning" section of the winter Community Education brochure includes important millage information and that the next revenue estimation conference will be held in Lansing on January 13, 2005.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved the resignation of a classroom assistant who rejected a recall assignment and the retirement of a hall monitor.

G.A.A.A. #2

The Board approved changes in the beginning fund equity balance for the General Fund, School Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund. These changes were made in accordance with the just-completed year-end audit report. The General Fund Equity for June 30, 2005, represents about 14.8% of total revenue.

BIDS FOR PIANO REPLACEMENTS

The Board awarded a bid to Evola Music for 39 Yamaha studio pianos (27 model P-22's and 12 model UST-7's) and 5 Yamaha grand pianos (3 model C2's and 2 model C3's) for a total of \$234,635 and a bid for 2 Steinway grand pianos (one model L and one model B) to Hammel Music for a total of \$93,614.

MILLAGE ELECTION

The Board approved three ballots for the millage election to be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. **(1) Homestead Hold Harmless:** This is a continuation of two millages from 2000. The combined rate for 2005 is the same as in 2000. The amount of actual mills levied is based on \$1,893 per blended enrollment. The actual rate does not increase with taxable value increases. **(2) Renewal of the Non-Homestead Millage:** This is a renewal of the current 2004-2005 rate. **(3) Restoration and Guarantee Up to 18 Mills:** While the totals for items #2 and #3 will be 19 mills, the school system can levy a maximum of only 18 mills. (This provides room for the Headlee rollback.) Unlike item #1, items #2 and #3 are subject to Headlee restrictions but not to a per-student limitation.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB LEASE

The Board approved a lease for the Neighborhood Club in the amount of \$20,000 for 2004-2005 for the use of various school system gyms and other facilities. (Last year's lease amount was \$15,650.)

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

The Board approved a High School Program of Studies that contains no major curriculum changes but simply changes in wording that clarify meaning.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Presentations included a Middle and High School Scheduling Report that outlined several options for 2005-2006 (including 7-period vs. 6-period day and other possibilities), Extended Day Kindergarten Rates tuition rates (\$2,850 for 2005-2006), and a Project Oversight Committee update. A Staff Development Report and the Community Education Annual Report were provided for information only.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A conference Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2005, and a regular meeting will be held on January 10, 2005. Both meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library at South High School.

Suzanne Klein