

# BOARD BRIEFS



SUMMARY OF THE GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent reported that both houses of the state legislature have passed a budget for state school aid that keeps the school districts' 20J funds intact for the 2004-2005 school year. She thanked the community for their support in contacting their legislators in Lansing regarding their concern about potential cuts in school funding.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

The Board approved the appointment of nine instructional staff members, three classroom assistants, and one paraprofessional. It also approved a leave of absence for one instructional staff member and the resignations of five professional staff members and one classroom assistant. The death of one maintenance staff member was included in the Human Resources Report as well.

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

The Board approved a letter of agreement with Kristen Kohlruss, an occupational therapist in private practice who provides services to students at private and parochial schools in Grosse Pointe.

## **GENERAL COUNSEL**

The Board approved the appointment of Mark McInerney of Clark Hill PLC as the Board's general counsel for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. He will provide his services at the discounted rate of \$200 an hour, with work done by other attorneys at Clark Hill being billed at their normal rate but not to exceed the capped amount of \$200 an hour.

## **JEFFREY & ASSOCIATES**

The Board approved a letter of agreement with Jeffrey & Associates for a maximum amount of \$70,000 a year to provide the school system with programming and software development and consulting services.

## **CASH FLOW BORROWING**

The Board approved a resolution for \$6 million in State Aid borrowing and authorized the Superintendent of Schools to sign and approve the necessary documents.

## **2004 TAX LEVY**

The Board approved a resolution approving the 2004 tax levy. The Homestead Hold Harmless ("Gap") millage for 2004-2005 is 5.5213 for general operation purposes and .9894 for technology purposes. The sinking fund millage rate is .9867.

### **DEFER PTO GIFT**

The Board accepted a gift from the Defer PTO in the amount of \$20,000 for designated second-floor air conditioning improvements.

### **REINSTATEMENT PANEL**

The Board approved the appointment of the following persons to the Reinstatement Review Panel for 2004-2005: Joan Richardson and Joan Dindoffer as Board representatives, with Ahmed Ismail as alternate; Allan King as administrative representative, with Pamela Lemerand as alternate; Rosalie Bryk from the GPEA as teacher representative, with Richard Underwood and Paul Booker as teacher alternates; and Pat Burke, PTO Council president, as parent representative, with George Boomer, Richard parent, as alternate.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

A conference meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 4, 2004, at 8 p.m. in the Wicking Library of South High School, to be followed by a regular meeting on Monday, October 11.

*Suzanne Klein*