

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2006/07

March 27, 2007

Board of Education Meetings

04/17/07 Old Village (ECC Program)
04/24/07 Ridge Wood Elementary
05/08/07 Old Village School
05/21/07 Amerman Elementary
06/12/07 Old Village (Center Program)
06/26/07 Old Village School

Board of Education

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At a regular second meeting of the Board of Education at Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 03/13/07 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; and b) Field Trip Request to Germany and Austria on 6/26/08-7/9/08.
- President Roth presented Certificates of Recognition to the Girls' Varsity Gymnastics Team – All State Champions: Julie Foucher, Amy Reynolds, Cassidy Winter and Coach Erin McWatt
- President Roth presented Certificates of Recognition to the Boys' Hockey Team – Regional Champions: Andy Close, Steven Dawson, Matthew Dembicki, Anthony Deneau, Jordan Duff, Andrew Flynn, Michael Gerbarz, Wesley Gates, Timothy Hohl, Ian Jezak, Theodore Keranen, Matthew Kreager, Andrew Lamoureux, Michael Moerman, Kyle Petty, Michael Piotrowski, Tyler Probst, Ross Riehl, Kevin Ruzyllo, Kyle Storey, Kevin Uetz, Brandon Wales, and Kyle Ziomek. Certificates of Recognition were also given to the following coaches: Dan Dippole, Defense Coach; Clint Robert, Head Coach, Neil Robert, Goalie Coach, and Dave Street, Offense Coach.
- President Roth presented Certificates of Recognition to the Boys' Swim Team for placing Third Place at State Meet: Kyle Adams, Jonathan Bardsley, Broderick Blickle, Will Blickle, Christopher Culkun, William Fenkell, Joseph Kargula, Christopher Keady, Stephen Kruse, and Gregory Sheppard. Head Coach Rich Bennetts and Assistant Coach Bob Holdridge also received a certificate.
- Citizen Kathy Darragh spoke about the School Boundary Plan. She lives in the Hills of Crestwood and did attend the March 22, 2007 Board Study Session. She said her children currently attend Silver Springs, and she has no problem with them attending Moraine. She did say she did not want her child going to Ridge Wood, especially after going through the Kindergarten Relocation Plan (KRP). She asked the Board to consider double bussing the middle school children for two years. At this time, President Roth announced that the Board will meet in a Study Session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Old Village School, Board Room. He stated that the Board will maintain same format as last time and will be looking at potential options and additional alternatives. Citizens are invited to attend. Mrs. Darragh asked when the final plans will be announced. Mr. Roth responded that they hope to have a final decision by the following week.
- Laurie Moore, Executive Director/MEA-NEA, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the crisis in bargaining. She stated that the Northville teachers still

do not have a contract. Ms. Moore stated that in a newspaper article, Dr. Rezmierski said that there was no formal request made to continue negotiations. She stated that Tom Silak made a request but the response from the superintendent was if the NEA is willing to change its "Last, Best, Final" offer—then a meeting would be in order. Ms. Moore said the teachers are willing to bargain but the district will not come back unless the teachers' union changes its last offer. She claims this is "unfair labor" tactics and not bargaining. Ms. Moore also noted that in previous Board meetings, it was announced that Central Office Administrators took a pay freeze. She claims they got a raise in July 2006 and that Central Office Administrators still have not moved over to Community Blue PPO2. She is asking the Board to ask Administration to come back to the table and continue bargaining. She stated that Fact Finding doesn't alleviate their obligation to bargain in good faith. Laws in state require the district to continue to bargain. She reminded the Board how teachers continue spending money out of their pockets and volunteering their time. President Roth thanked Ms. Moore for her comments.

- Principal Sharon Irvine presented a PowerPoint presentation on Thornton Creek's 2005/07 School Improvement Plan. She affirmed the Mission Statement and cited the following new goals: Thornton Creek students will improve writing, they will increase their knowledge and application of Civics and the school community will promote a school culture that supports the development of the whole child. Ms. Irvine showed a profile of the October 2006 MEAP scores and children showcased the English Language Arts (ELA) Program prior to the board meeting. She next reviewed three specific objectives of the Writing Goal: Improve meta-cognition in writing, improve quality of student writing to a formal prompt and writing for authentic purposes. She then expounded on each objective. Other topics included Making a Difference in our own Backyard, Professional Learning Community, examining data by grade level, and using common assessment, reflection and implementation. The Board inquired about professional learning community and whether this is done through collegial or professional development time. Ms. Irvine responded that they used collegial time and that she meets with the School Improvement Team once a month. The Board said the students did a fantastic job in showing samples of their writing.
- The Board approved the 11 Existing Middle School curriculum changes: Music – 6th Grade Band, 7th grade Band, Chorus 6; Electives – Digital Imaging, Meal Management, Life Skills, Young Living, Rocketry, Service and Leadership (7th grade) and Seminar in Service and Leadership (8th grade) and Art – Design & Sculpture (3-D Art – Grade 8)
- Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

MEETING/EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Parks & Recreation Commission	03/28/07	6:00 p.m.	Township Hall
Board Study Session	03/29/07	7:00 p.m.	OVS Board Room
Finance	04/03/07	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Administrative Services	04/03/07	8:15 p.m.	Cancelled

Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.