

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2006/07

April 17, 2007

## Board of Education Meetings

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

Mr. Kenneth A. Roth, President  
Dr. Marilyn T. Price, Vice President  
Ms. Libby Smith, Treasurer  
Ms. Joan Wadsworth, Secretary  
Ms. Judy Handley, Trustee  
Dr. Karen M. Paciorek, Trustee  
Ms. Judith Wollack, Trustee

At a Regular meeting of the Board of Education at Old Village School, 405 W. Main, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- Board meeting is being videotaped to Comcast subscribers on Channel 18 at 9:00 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2007.
- Board approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the 03/27/07 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of education, Minutes of the 04/04/07 Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education, Authorization for Board members to temporarily serve as Secretary of the Board of Education for the purpose of signing graduation diplomas and Bill Warrants and Payroll totaling \$2,882,907.08.
- Dr. Rezmierski expressed his sorrow in the loss of so many students at Virginia Tech Univesity. He assured citizens that Mr. Bolitho and his staff work with local police departments in insuring safety and security at Northville Public Schools. Cameras have now been installed at all school buildings. Dr. Rezmierski also expressed his grief for the loss of a Kindergartner at Ferndale Schools who was killed when a flagpole broke apart and fell on her. The district has checked all flagpoles in the district to make sure they are in good shape.
- President Roth presented Certificates of Recognition and Dr. Rezmierski presented chocolate apples to the following Wayne RESA 2006/07 Outstanding Teacher/Employees of the Year: Nicole Bolt, Teacher, Winchester; Vicki Kopistiansky, Teacher, Hillside; David Bowen, Teacher, Northville High School; Mary Daar, Counselor, Ancillary Professional Employee of the Year; Sue Spaniol, Media Specialist, Hillside; Juliann Oljace, Rookie Teacher of the Year, Amerman; and Kathy Sigler, Support Employee of the Year.
- The Board and Administrators were invited to enjoy *A Children's Exhibit – How Materials Support Learning* event held at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2007 at the Northville Senior Community Center just prior to the Board meeting. Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher spoke about the Early Childhood Center Program (ECC), which serves over 900 children and how it is an integral part of the District School Improvement process. ECC Program Coordinator Eileen Freeman gave the Board, Central Office Administrators and the Superintendent's assistants a key chain made by the students. Children were informed on the duties and responsibilities performed by all parties, so the children then guessed what type of vehicle each would drive to and from their meetings. The Board and Central Office were quite amused by the writings on the gift tags.

- Ms. Freeman reviewed the 2006/07 Program Report declaring that ECC is committed to providing high-quality programs to young children and their families. They operate five different programs, and she provided a detailed break-out by site location of the various programs, enrollment and staffing. She spoke about the professional development for staff and parent opportunities. Ms. Freeman also spoke about two events originating from the School Improvement Goals.
  - ❖ Develop and strengthen understanding of ECC's philosophy and curriculum. The staff held a Curriculum Night on February 27, 2007, for prospective and current families to provide an overview of ECC's philosophy, curriculum, and application with children. They provided a slide show which illustrated an Overview of the Program, Parent Reflection, Project Approach, Registration and Q & A.
  - ❖ Assistant ECC Coordinator Joanne Payne spoke about the Children's Exhibit, which will be open from April 19, 2007 through April 25<sup>th</sup>. Last year, Ms. Payne said the staff focused on literacy. This year they will have entertainment and an Arts Benefit where funds will go to Northville Civic Concern to support children's needs.

Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher read a proclamation designating April as Month of the Young Child into the record.

- The Board approved the Reaffirmation of District Guiding Documents.
- The Board approved the District School Improvement Team Process/NCA Accreditation Update.
- The Board adopted the resolution affirming support for legislative attention to funding shortfalls and cost containment legislation.
- Dr. Rezmierski received a letter from RESA Board Secretary Lynda Jackson advising our Board of Education that there will be an election on June 4, 2007 for two seats on the RESA Board. The two seats are for six-year terms beginning July 1, 2007. She is asking local districts to adopt a resolution at a public meeting naming the person who will cast a ballot for these seats. However, the resolution cannot be adopted before May 14, 2007. Dr. Rezmierski said that this meeting tonight constitutes a public meeting to consider the resolution prior to formal adoption appointing a representative to vote. This resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2007 Regular Second Board meeting agenda for discussion and/or adoption.
- Dr. Karen Paciorek was a speaker at the National Association of School Boards Conference held in San Francisco this past weekend regarding the importance of ECC programs in school districts. She commented that President Clinton spoke about childhood obesity. ECC educators also addressed the need for all school districts to offer ECC programs to prepare children for school. She also distributed a document addressing NCLB that Ms. Jelics will copy for the Board Update packet.

MEETING/EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
State of Community Luncheon	04/18/07	Noon	Meadowbrook Country Club
Instructional Services	04/18/07	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Policy ( <b>Cancelled</b> )	04/18/07	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.