

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2006/07

April 24, 2007

Board of Education Meetings

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 Old Village School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- Board approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the 04/17/07 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, and ECC Summer Kids Club Field Trip to COSI in Toledo, Ohio, on July 26, 2007.
- Dr. Rezmierski provided an overview of the issues the district is facing due to projected budget cuts in Lansing. He and several Board members plan to attend a legislative meeting in Lansing on Thursday, April 26, 2007 to discuss how the state's budget cuts will affect all public schools. Dr. Rezmierski has personally contacted our four legislators regarding the minimum loss of \$90 to \$125 per student, which was cited in a letter from State Budget Director Emerson. This cut would be a loss this year to Northville of \$856,250. He also reported that he received notice from a Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) representative of a May 18, 2007 Revenue Consensus meeting that will result in more losses for next year. Total loss could be as high as \$185 per student which equates to \$1 to \$2 million. Dr. Rezmierski and the Board are upset with the governor and legislators in Lansing who are reporting a mid-year cut, but it is actually an end-of-year cut for school districts as they have to balance their budgets by June 30, 2007. There is a May 1st deadline where these cuts will be enacted if citizens don't contact their legislators. Dr. Rezmierski reported that every district is experiencing cash flow problems with no long-term fixes. He will update the Board and citizens once he returns from Thursday's meeting in Lansing.
- Principal Raynes introduced the Ridge Wood's PTA Officers. President Dottie Garrity, Treasurer Debbie Peck and Secretary Carla Williams presented books to the Board of Education in recognition of their dedication to public education and the children of Northville. These books deal with character education and will be placed in RWE's Media Center for children to read. Principal Nancy Raynes reviewed the 2003-2007 School Improvement Report starting with the Pledge inspired by 5th graders. She reviewed the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Collective Commitments. Ms. Raynes reviewed Goal #1 – Build a Positive Ridge Wood (RWE) Culture and Building a Professional Learning Community. She talked about practicing Character Education and identifying and developing the characteristics of the RWE community. Ms. Raynes informed the Board that "Parents as Partners" was formed, because data supports that children whose parents share in their children's formal education tend to do better in school.

- Goal #2 – Students will improve their competency in basic Math computational skills developing classroom support emphasizing the importance of mathematics through school wide math activities. Ms. Raynes cited Goal #3 – 100% of the students will demonstrate an improvement in writing proficiency by June 2006. She supports professional development and RWE's efforts to enhance student enthusiasm for writing.
- The Board approved the 2007 Summer School Connections.
- The Board moved into Executive Session for purposes of negotiations and pending litigation.
- Meeting adjourned 10:32 p.m.

MEETING/EVENTS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Sound of Music (Musical)	04/27/07	7:00 p.m.	NHS
Finance	05/01/07	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Administrative Services	05/01/07	8:15 p.m.	COA 302