

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2006/07

November 14, 2006

## Board of Education Meetings

11/28/06	Meads Mill Middle School
12/12/06	Winchester Elementary
01/09/07	Old Village School
01/23/07	Silver Springs Elementary
02/13/07	Old Village
02/27/07	Moraine Elementary
03/13/07	Old Village School
03/27/07	Thornton Creek Elementary
04/17/07	Old Village (ECC Program)
04/24/07	Ridge Wood Elementary
05/01/07	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 Hillside Middle School, 501 W. Main, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the 10/24/06 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education, Approval of the following policies for second reading: #4302 – Sexual Harassment, #5111 – Student Enrollment/Age of Entrance, and #5130.5 – Alcohol & Drug Abuse/Students; Approval of a resolution requesting funding under State Aid, Section 20 (8); and Bill Warrants and Payroll totaling \$4,206,515.17.
- Assistant Superintendent Gallagher explained how Teacher Dwight Sieggreen was selected for the “Unsung Heroes Award.” The ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program honors America’s classroom heroes and their innovative programs that take student learning to higher levels. Mr. Sieggreen submitted a program to build a bird sanctuary. Representative Mike McEvelly presented a check for \$2,000 to Mr. Dwight Sieggreen. On behalf of the Board, President Roth thanked Mr. Sieggreen on all his efforts in obtaining funds for the betterment of Northville students.
- Assistant Superintendent Gallagher announced that it is an honor to recognize Jan Purtell who leads the Business Partnerships Program, orchestrates the Victorian Festival and participates in the day-to-day support required in the Office of Instruction. She presented flowers and President Roth presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jan Purtell on her being selected as the Northville Chamber “Citizen of the Year” award. Ms. Purtell thanked the Board, principals, and staff for being supportive of her efforts in creating Business Partnership Programs throughout the community.
- President Roth and Athletic Director Bryan Masi presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following Boys’ Varsity Golf Regional Champions who also placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the state: Richard Allen, Alexander Bernstein, Steven Brown, Peter Curran, Chase Dehne, Travis Dehne, Wesley Gates, Trevor Grigg, Christopher Kozerski, Daniel Kozerski, Philip Snow, and Coaches Matt Stetson and Nick Thompson.
- President Roth presented Certificates of appreciation to the following Girls’ Varsity Tennis Regional Champions who also placed third in the state: Ursula Cauffiel, Breanna Connett, Samantha Doud, Abby Grajek, Chelsea Jenkins, Chelsea Johnston, Haley Johnston, Sarah Koupal, Sabrina Masciulli, Sadie McClymont, Jonnie Powers, Kristin Randall, Christina Ruiz, Laura Taylor, Kelsey Thomas, Alicia Weber and Coaches Sandy Woolfall and Mikee Knoll.

- President Roth informed citizens that two weeks ago, at the Hillside Board Meeting, that Central Office Administrators (COA) volunteered to take a pay freeze. To clarify, President Roth said the Board is taking formal action by adopting a motion to accept this freeze. He explained that COA are employed under a three-year contract and their pay increases are not automatically but required Board approval. Mr. Roth said that COAs' contract will remain at the prior year's level with no increase in salary, steps or benefits on any level. Effective January 2007, all COA will switch from their current health care coverage to Community Blue PPO2. The Board expressed their appreciation for COAs' willingness to take this action in order to address the district's financial situation.
- Dr. Price and Dr. Paciorek presented a PowerPoint presentation on their trip to China on October 14-25, 2006 to observe teaching methods and beginning an on-going exchange. Former State Superintendent Tom Watson planned this trip, and the purpose was to connect school districts in the U.S. with the government agency in China, who sponsors Mandarin Chinese as a second language. The primary goal is to establish education connections and exchange programs benefiting U.S. and Chinese students, teachers and administrators. Dr. Price and Dr. Paciorek learned about the Chinese culture and presented gifts of pencils, tee shirts, CDs, bracelets, and more. They explained that 17 educators from Southeast Michigan toured a variety of schools in Beijing and Tianjin. Some interesting facts are as follows:
  - ❖ Formal education before Kindergarten is not common since young children live in multi-generational settings.
  - ❖ Visited Nankai District in Tianjin, which house grades 1-9. Students are tested at 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. After grade 9, there are Trade and Academic tracks to pursue.
  - ❖ Children attend school from 7:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
  - ❖ Physical activity is required for all students throughout the day; 20 minutes x 2 times a day.
  - ❖ Dr. Paciorek and Dr. Price attended a concert where students played with traditional Chinese instruments. Students have to take 3 tests to be admitted into the music program.
  - ❖ Observed college students from around the world teaching English to the children. Beijing has 14 million residents.
  - ❖ 40-50 students in a classroom with a target size of 40 per class.
  - ❖ 2/3 male; 1/3 females attend the schools. They begin to learn English in Grade 1.
  - ❖ Construction is on-going for miles and miles.
  - ❖ 60,000 residents live in a 5-block square.
  - ❖ Toured Temple of Heaven, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square; the latter is 90 football fields in size.
  - ❖ They saw Terra Cota Warriors in Xi'an. These statues were constructed from 247 -208 BC and discovered in 1974. Their purpose was to protect the Tomb of the Emperor.
  - ❖ Surprised to see a Kentucky Fried Chicken and Amway buildings. They also saw McDonalds and Pizza Hut in China.
  - ❖ China will be hosting the 2008 Summer Olympics
- The Board approved Policy 3326 – Use of Facsimile Signature for District Checks and Policy 34130.5 – Alcohol & Drug Abuse/Employees for first reading.
- The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. for reasons of negotiations. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Board Study Session	11/21/06	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Instructional Services	11/21/06	7:00 p.m.	COA 302 CANCELLED
Policy	11/21/06	8:15 p.m.	COA 302 CANCELLED
Downtown Dev. Plan Mtg.	11/27/06	7:30 p.m.	City Hall