

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2006/07

December 12, 2006

Board of Education Meetings

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 Winchester Elementary School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the 11/28/06 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education; Approval of the Annual Summer Tax Resolution; Acceptance of landscaping donation from Mr. & Mrs. John Romano totaling \$4,832.50 to be donated to Northville Public Schools; Approval of switching the Finance/Ad Services Subcommittees from January 2, 2007 to January 3, 2007 same time/same place; Authorize the opening of a checking account for Section 125 Reimbursement; and Bill Warrants & Payroll totaling \$4,206,515.17.
- Superintendent Rezmierski presented a check to Ms. Marlene Kunz for \$2,220 for Northville Civic Concern. He also mentioned that Northville contributed more than just money, e.g. canned foods for Thanksgiving baskets, adopt families for the holidays, and purchase gift cards for gasoline, groceries and pharmacy needs.
- Citizen Ron Pawlak said his children are grown and a product of the NPS. They've succeeded due to the excellent teaching staff. He shared that Northville residents don't have a clue on what contract negotiations are about. Perception in community is that Northville has mansions for homes, a high school that looks like a college campus and professional upper class people who work in medicine business, finance and sports that can afford to live here. Mr. Pawlak said that the community feels the schools have enough money. He asked the Board to try and each resolution with the teachers to settle the contract.
- Citizen Stephanie Carson said she is extremely happy with teachers and thanked the Board for hiring such quality professionals. She asked the Board to continue negotiations and show the teachers how much you value them.
- Citizen Brenda Lionas told the Board that teachers make themselves available at all times and they enhance the minds of young children. Asked the Board to give teachers a fair and equitable contract soon. Ms. Lionas read a letter from her neighbor, Ms. Nancy McDonough who also asked if a student could tape the second Board meeting of the month and why professional development days can't be counted as instructional time. Ms. McDonough thanked the teachers for working without a contract and for continuing their commitment to educating young children.
- President Roth responded that taping of Board meetings held at Old Village School will continue. However,

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broadcasting at the buildings is a problem due to acoustics and tapes not being audible.

- The Board and administration toured the Reader's Workshop classes held in Mrs. Dood's second grade class and Mrs. Fortner's fifth grade class. Winchester Art Teacher Lisa Toigo introduced student Mark Peterson and his artwork that will be displayed in Winchester School. Mark's painting was completed by observing still life and using complimentary colors and smooth lines.
- Principal Pat Messing reviewed her three-year cycle of School Improvement Goals. The team created a Mission Statement with a focus on continuous learning and collaborative efforts. She discussed two goals: Writing and Building a Sense of Community. Teacher Jay Hillard discussed the Writers' Workshop and illustrated what made it so successful. She shared how they used this information, how they modeled writing, how instruction changed, data collected and how students benefited. Principal Messing complimented the English Language Arts and Learning Consultants that led the way for aligning and creating a top-notch curriculum.
- Ms. Messing stated she is proud of her teachers and administration and how much she enjoys working for the Northville Public Schools.
- The Board approved that Northville Public Schools enter into an agreement with Expense Reduction Analysts for purposes of investigating areas for reducing expenses.
- Superintendent Rezmierski highlighted his travels to daily meetings and schools while visiting Japan from November 12-19, 2006. He was invited to participate in a U.S. Superintendent's dialogue along with two other superintendents. He presented a slide presentation explaining his visit to their schools and meeting with many Japanese educators and other dignitaries. Dr. Rezmierski reminded citizens that there was no cost to the district, and he estimates the value of this trip was \$5,000. President Roth then asked Dr. Rezmierski to explain to the community what the Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship entailed.
- The Board approved the purchase of a wheelchair lift bus to replace the current 1996 bus at a price not to exceed \$67,100.
- The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:10-9:54 p.m.
- The Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Cooke Musical	12/13/06	10:15 a.m.	Cooke School
High School Choir	12/13, 14, 16/06	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Human Resources	12/19/06	9:00 a.m.	COA 302
Instructional Services	12/19/06	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Policy	12/19/06	8:15 p.m.	COA 302