

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2007/08

May 27, 2008

Board of Education Meetings

06/10/08	Cooke (Center Program)
06/24/08	Old Village School

Board of Education

Joan Wadsworth, President
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At a Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education at Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center Street, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 5/13/08 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Retirement resolutions for Janice Stanwick, Para Educator, and Pat Alexander, Nurse; c) Donation of \$25,000 from Mrs. Karoub, to Cooke School for special activities, equipment and pilot projects for classrooms; and d) Survey request on School Safety.
- President Wadsworth and Dr. Rezmierski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jimmy Tian, 8th grader, Hillside Middle School for winning the State Geography Bee. Although Jimmy did not win at the National level, he did get to travel to Washington, D.C. on May 20-21 with his teacher Debbie Hall and Dad.
- Superintendent Rezmierski met with the Legislative Relations Network (LAN) Conference sponsored by MASB/MASA. He said the key issues are Health Care and funding for schools. Dr. Rezmierski reported that the state has a loss of \$434 million. However, he is hopeful that legislators, who claim they support education, will do so.
- Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher quoted the Michigan Department of Education with regards to how Art Education enriches children's lives and has a profound effect on academic achievement. She reported that studies show that students who participate in the Arts earn better grades, watch fewer hours of television and are not easily bored in school. Mrs. Gallagher informed the Board and Citizens that the Arts are twofold in that it acknowledges the importance of Fine Arts and demonstrates how critical Fine Arts is to challenge our students to be analytical thinkers, continuous learners, effective communicators, quality producers and world class citizens. She also invited the students to view the artwork that adorn the hallways at Central Office Administration Building over the past 20 years and complimented the staff and students for such beautiful pieces.
- The Art teachers were introduced, along with their student(s), who presented watercolor paintings, collages, clay pieces, portrait painting, stoneware sculptures, photographs, ceramics and wall hangings to name a few. President Wadsworth presented Certificates of Recognition and thanked the teachers and students for donating their art pieces for display at the Board Office.

Principal Steve Anderson introduced the Knowledge Master Open Team who participated in the international and finished second in the State; they only lost by 1 point out of 650 points. This team placed 50th in the World.

- Rich Welch and Representative from Energy Education Incorporated (EEI) presented a PowerPoint presentation showing energy savings from January 2008 to March 2008. The district has saved \$117,411 over the 3-month period due to implementation of this program.
- Treasurer Roth opened the meeting for purposes of discussing budget for the 2008/09 school year. Business Director John Street provided a preliminary budget presentation for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 that must be adopted by the end of June 2008. The report includes the summary of all funds, General Fund, Debt Fund, Wayne County Special Education Center Program, Early Childhood Center Program, Food Service Fund, Athletic Fund and Millage/Taxable Value Data. Mr. Street stated that the expected pupil enrollment and state foundation rate is unknown at this time. He also reported that the district's enrollment rate is down and the budget estimates no increase in foundation allowance. Retirement rates have decreased from 16.72% to 16.54%. Budget planning is difficult, at this time, as bargaining groups have unsettled contracts. At this point in time, Mr. Street says the General Fund shows a deficit of \$50,000. Mr. Street also spoke about the Debt Fund used to pay principal and interest on the district issued bonded debt. Revenue to pay this debt comes from a millage levied on the taxable value of the district. Mr. Street says 3.90 mills will be levied, which is down from the prior year of 4.24 mills. Mr. Street further explained that the Center Program consists of students from western Wayne County and funding comes from State, County and Federal sources. Northville receives reimbursement for direct costs as well as a percentage of these costs to cover overhead incurred by the district for operating this program. Mr. Street reported that Early Childhood Center is a self-funded program offering pre-school and after-school programs. This program exists by tuition received from the parents. Food Service is a self-fund program as well offering school lunches. Their revenue comes from sales and state funds. Mr. Street said the Athletic Fund is comprised of costs and revenues of the district's interscholastic athletic programs. He reported that students will be charged \$100 and \$200 for middle and high school athletic participation. This will be maintained for 2008/09 school year.
- The Board approved the 2008 Tax Rate Request.
- The Board approved to continue with the opt-out provision of the school law for the 2008/09 and continuing school years.
- The Board approved the following teacher tenure recommendations: Kristen Balcom, Amy Balog, Kathy Barcelona, Karen Besek, Marie Bravo, Teryn Chrzanowski, Morgen Cook, heather Duff, Stacey Eyler, Crystal Gregg, Julianne Howells, Carey Kahle, Wendy Martin, Julianne Oljace, Toulla Palazeti, Kimberly Parsons, Brett Pedersen, A. Scotleen Phillips, Hubert Rast, Gretchen Ritter, Lauren Sommerman, Matthew Stetson, Scott Szukaitis, Cori Thomas, Jacqueline Treganowan, Paul Tripp, Derek Williford, and Olivia Wren.
- The Board accepted the resolution approving the 2008/09 Wayne RESA Budget.
- The Board moved to enter into Executive Session for purposes of negotiations and discussing written legal opinion of counsel at 9:34 p.m.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Health Advisory Board	5/29/08	7:30 p.m.	Hillside Forum
NHS Graduation	5/31/08	7:00 p.m.	Compuware
Finance	6/03/08	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	6/03/08	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.