

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2007/08

September 24, 2007

Board of Education Meetings

10/09/07 Old Village School
10/23/07 Hillside Middle School
11/13/07 Old Village School
12/11/07 Winchester Elementary
01/08/08 Old Village School
01/22/08 Silver Springs Elementary
02/12/08 Old Village School
02/26/08 Moraine Elementary
03/11/08 Old Village School
03/18/08 Thornton Creek Elementary
04/08/08 Old Village (ECC Program)
04/22/08 Ridge Wood Elementary
05/13/08 Old Village School
05/27/08 Amerman Elementary
06/10/08 Cooke (Center Program)
06/24/08 Old Village School

Board of Education

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At a regular second meeting of the Board of Education at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- Boy Scout Dan Ketchum led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the 09/11/07 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; New teacher hire: Angela Watts; Out of country field trip request by Northville High School to go to Stratford, Canada, on October 25, 2007; Action Research Proposals: Will Pedometers Improve Participation of High School Students During Group Warm-Up Sessions? (Ann Cook/NHS) and The Effectiveness of Therapy Balls as Chairs in the Classroom for Students with Cognitive Impairments (Susannah Steele/Cooke); and Donations from various parents/organizations in the amount of \$2,745 in memory of Abigail Tolles to Old Village School to help fund Music Therapy Program.
- Principal Rob Watson welcomed the Board to the Northville High School (NHS) presentation. He introduced student Harry Eichholtz who participated this summer in the League of Miracles helping students with special needs play baseball. Teacher Judy Cavanaugh and Northville Youth Assistance Director Sue Campbell updated the Board on the Pillar Program, which is funded by Northville Youth Assistance. This program was designed to ease the transition into high school for incoming freshman students. Student Dan Sochocki shared his experiences in this program. Teacher Cavanaugh spoke about "Adopt a Student" program where a current high school student is matched by interests, gender, and age to an incoming new student to make them feel welcomed. She reported that 96 students signed up as adoptees and 157 current high school students signed up to be adopters. Ms. Cavanaugh is interested in creating a similar program for new parents. Student Congress President Jordyn Bell and Treasurer Robyn Baidas updated the Board on what Student Council has done from Freshman Orientation in August to Spirit Week October 1-6, 2007, followed by a parade and Homecoming Dance. Such events for Spirit Week include Pajama Day, Sports Day, Musical Chairs, Tug of War, Pep Assembly and a parade on Friday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Northville where each class will display their floats. They also reminded the Board that there will be a Blood Drive, in partnership with the Northville Rotary Club, on November 2nd meeting all day until 3:00 p.m.
- The following students were presented Certificates of

Recognition from President Joan Wadsworth for being selected as National Merit

Commended/Semifinalists: Commended: Julie Blaszczyk, Jamie Cotrone, Thomas Hsieh, Habib Khan, Mackenzie Lebeis, Alexander Leung, Heather Shiner, Jessica Smith, Jing Sun, Kevin Wayne and Tiffanie Yu. Semifinalists: Katharine Blatchford, Ameeth Reddy, Alexander Shashlo and Alexander Webb. Mr. Watson also reminded the students, parents and Board that a breakfast will take place in February 2008, recognizing these students.

- Assistant Principal Monty Shambleau presented a PowerPoint presentation on ACT/MME results. The data reflects the graduating Class of 2007's average ACT scores comparing local versus state averages. Mr. Shambleau showed the Board the Class of 2008 ACT Composite taken from MME reporting that NHS students' composite was 23.3% and statewide was 19%. Mr. Shambleau said the Class of 2008 MME percentages notes that 533 students took the exam comprised of Math, Reading, Science, Writing and Social Studies. Percentages of students who met or exceeded the standards were: 81.7% in Math; 86.1% in Reading; 86.9% - Science; 78.4% - Writing and 94.4% in Reading. He explained that those students qualify for \$1,000 scholarship during their Freshman year in college; another \$1,000 during Sophomore year; and \$2,000 during their last two years of college.
- The Board approved the 2007 Summer School Report. Summer School Facilitator Bob Boshoven reported that Summer Connections experienced growth in staff, course offerings, student enrollment, classrooms and services. Enrollment was 296 in the 2004 and was 525 in 2007. Mr. Boshoven said that two English courses were added with an increase in sections at the High School and Elementary levels. Eighth grade offerings were combined into one, four-hour course. He further noted the preparation, staffing and curriculum offered this summer, scholarships, behavioral incidents with a final budget report of \$50,079.55 being returned to the district. He thanked Ms. Gallagher, Vicki Lawrence, and Chris Cronin for their wonderful support. He also thanked the Conrad Charitable Foundation and the entire teaching staff for giving up their summer.
- Business Partnership Facilitator Jan Purtell prepared a PowerPoint presentation of events throughout the weekend making the September 14th Victorian Festival so successful. Third grade students stepped back in time and participated in games and history during the Victorian era followed by a parade of Northville Public School Board of Education, staff, students and families. Ms. Purtell said on Saturday and Sunday, part of Main Street was closed to traffic as artists and business owners turned back the clock and transformed Northville into a Victorian Village. Ms. Purtell reported that the PTA held a successful box-lunch sale at Ford Field on Sunday. There was free entertainment (jugglers, magicians, strolling musicians, storytellers, unicyclists, etc.) as well as free Horse and Carriage Rides.
- The Board approved Policy 1180 – Board Operations – Conflict of Interest, as amended.
- The Board approved the following policies for reaffirmation: 1160.5 – Board Member Reimbursement of Expenses; 1220 – Citizens Advisory Committees to the Board of Education; and 1310 – Naming a New School.
- The Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Ad Services	10/02/07	7:00p.m.	COA 302
Finance	10/02/07	8:15 p.m.	COA 302