

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2007/08

October 23, 2007

## Board of Education Meetings

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

Joan Wadsworth, President  
Libby Smith, Vice President  
Ken Roth, Treasurer  
Karen Paciorek, Secretary  
Judy Handley, Trustee  
Marilyn Price, Trustee  
Judith Wollack, Trustee

At a regular second meeting of the Board of Education at Hillside Middle School, 775 North Center Street, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- Andrew Poterala, President, Hillside Student Council, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Board received the Northville Youth Assistance Program Report – October 2007.
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: Minutes of the 10/09/07 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; Donation of \$1,000 from Mr. Lee Dow, Optimist Club of Northville/Novi, to Cooke School; and Out-of-State Field Trip request by Northville High School to go to New York, NY, on May 15-19, 2008.
- Superintendent Rezmierski is waiting to hear from State regarding the district's foundation allowance. Average increase is \$48 - \$96 per student.
- Dr. Rezmierski informed citizens about the passage of Public Act 101 – Common Calendar. Every school district and intermediate school district will arrive at a common calendar effective the 2008/09 school year and five years out. He shared that Wayne County's calendar could be different from other county calendars. Further discussion forthcoming.
- Dr. Rezmierski spoke about PA 63 Law – Consolidation of Services. Every school district will demonstrate consolidation efforts they are involved in to save money, e.g. Northville currently uses a substitute pool (while staff is out of the district) with 17 other districts entitled, "AESOP." New Health Care and Retirement information will be forthcoming at an upcoming Board meeting.
- Ms. Vicki Kopistiansky, Director, Hillside Honors Choir, and the choir sang two songs: The Star Spangled Banner and Jaborwacki. Ms. Kopistiansky surprised the following choir members that all six girls made State Honors and will now audition in Grand Rapids in the very near future: Jannine Kjolhede, Taylor Papp, Hitomi Katsumi, Ellen Obrien, Jessica Snyder, and Avery Allman. Ms. Kopistiansky also invited the Board and Administration to attend Hillside's Extravaganza on Wednesday, November 7, 2008 in the morning.
- Social Worker Val Kaplansky and Teacher Consultant for Autistic children Denise Brockman provided a digital presentation on the Professional Learning Communities and "Making Caring Fashionable—the Friendship Circle." Ms. Kaplansky said that the Village was established in 1994 for special needs students to help them learn to interact with peers. The building is 20,000 square feet located in West Bloomfield. Ms. Brockman said they received a grant from Mothers' Club in support

of this program. Two students (Joe Miklos and Joe Koslowski) spoke about Lifestown Village where they participated in activities in the community such as watching a movie, going to the library, and going to the store where they learn how to budget their \$100 allowance. Approximately 15 children from Hillside and some from Moraine, Ridge Wood and Meads Mill Schools participated in this program. Ms. Brockman said that each visit to the Village is an opportunity for the students to learn about money and time management, decision making and learning to follow directions.

- Principal Cracraft thanked Art Teacher Iain Burrell for allowing students to participate in “Music Gem” where students can play guitar/drums during the lunch period. Mr. Burrill and students made masks in the spirit of Halloween. He also recognized the PTSA President Robyn Sabourin and Secretary Lisa DeDona for their continual help at Hillside.
- Students Simone Young, Max Paul and Andrea Miester provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Energy Conservation at Hillside Middle School. As part of their efforts, the Eagles Robotics Team provided charts on the Energy Audit to determine how to save costs. The students met with Assistant Superintendent Dave Bolitho and Principal Cracraft to get ideas. Students then measured every window and wall at Hillside and analyzed the data and made a mathematical model. The students determined that heat is escaping out of Hillside and concluded that the district needs to replace all non-insulated doors with insulated doors (costs of \$300 per door) saving the district \$2800 a year. They also suggested nailing rigid insulation to inside of walls or sink walls with the earth to better insulate. They also provided statistics for lighting costs. The Board and Superintendent were impressed with the detailed analysis and thanked the students for a wonderful presentation.
- Assistant Principal Heidi Capraro and the following Student Council members presented a PowerPoint report about upcoming activities: Andrew Potala, Merideth Williams, Emily Foland, Greg Putman and Dawson Laabs. Andrew informed the Board on upcoming, e.g. Make a Difference on 10/26 and 10/29; Civic Concern Food Drive; Hearts and Hands for Honduras; Holiday Greeting Card; Recycling for Civic Concern; Wolverine Human Resources; Toy Drive; Kids Against Hunger through Bridgepoint Partnership; Hillside Carnival on March 14, 2008; and Senior Prom on May 7, 2008. Superintendent Rezmierski and President Wadsworth said they are proud of all the activities that Student Council is doing to help individuals here in our community and throughout the world.
- Superintendent Rezmierski thanked Mr. Cracraft for a wonderful presentation and informed citizens of how proud he is that Mr. Cracraft was selected as MASSPA “Middle School Principal of the Year.”
- The Board approved the AP Music Theory Textbook with the notation that funding is being provided by the NHS Music Boosters.
- The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Board Study Session	10/30/07	6:00 p.m.	COA 302
Finance	11/06/07	7:00p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	11/06/07	8:15 p.m.	COA 302