

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2007/08

December 11, 2007

## Board of Education Meetings

12/18/07	Old Village (Special Call)
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 meeting of the Board of Education at Winchester Elementary School, 16141 Winchester Drive, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- Communication: Northville Youth Assistance Report – December 2007.
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items as presented: Corrected Minutes of the 11/27/07 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education; Approval of Policies #3260 – Disposition of Assets and #3323 – Multiple Bids; New certified hire: Suzanne Plummer; Approval of the Annual Summer Tax Resolution; and Bill Warrants & Payroll totaling \$2,248,300.75.
- Superintendent Rezmierski and Board President Joan Wadsworth presented Certificates of Recognition to the following two students who received the Eagle Scout Award: Daniel L. Ketchum and Benjamin Schoenek. Daniel Ketchum spoke about his food collection drive for Northville Civic Concern; Benjamin Schoenek conducted a clothing drive for the Afghan men working on Bagram Air Field in Bagram, Afghanistan. Both scouts will be recognized at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Eagle Court of Honor celebration.
- Northville Public Schools donated \$2,200 to Northville Civic Concern for needy families in Northville. Michigan Association of School Administrators (Dr. Rezmierski is president of that organization) has donated \$500 to Northville Civic Concern.
- The Board meeting began with demonstrations by students from three classrooms: Mrs. Fisher's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class used laptop carts to learn digital imaging; Mrs. Carwright's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and Mrs. Iwanicki's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class presented "Reading Buddies"; and Mrs. Fortner's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class demonstrated "Making Meaning."
- Art teacher Tricia Jendretzke recognized Grant Marmaduke, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, for his artwork entitled "Music in the Forest." His work was a collage creation recognizing animals in a forest that are dancing. His artwork will be displayed in the new Multi-Purpose Room.
- Principal Pat Messing spoke about the 2006/09 Winchester School Improvement Goals. First Goal: Improve Student Performance in Writing addressed growth in writing trait scores for Kindergarteners and first graders. The Writer's Workshop made students successful. Teachers gathered student information through conferencing using the 6 traits. Teacher Jay Hillard discussed MEAP scores and how those scores reflected a discrepancy compared to Winchester's data. Ms. Hillard looked at the State's results in a positive way and wanted to know how they can improve their scores. She commented that if MEAP says we aren't

applying certain traits, then we need to analyze data and teach writing as a genre to strengthen that instruction. Ms. Hillard said they have identified common graphic organizers and teachers are focusing on prompt writing elements. She believes that students benefit by writing on one central idea developed through relevant details and keep ideas organized and connected.

Principal Messing addressed another goal: Strengthen Home-School Connection. She surveyed parents asking them what Winchester can do better. Parents didn't just want to know about upcoming tests or field trips—they wanted more information. Ms. Messing added "Home School Connection," which keeps parents abreast of homework, daily events in classroom, etc. Parents learn how to use web bulletins and increase their use of electronic communication with the Winchester community.

Another goal Ms. Messing addressed is Increase Skillful Participation. It's a long-range initiative to build our sense of community. Winchester has partnered with Holbrook Elementary School in Hamtramck. Students have purchased backpacks containing school supplies that were delivered at the end of the year. They will invite Holbrook Elementary to Winchester to address Kids Against Hunger and March is Reading Month events.

President Wadsworth and Superintendent Rezmierski thanked Ms. Messing for a wonderful presentation. They are impressed how Winchester staff is risk-takers in areas of student writers. Ms. Wadsworth shared that other schools within the district replicate their ideas, which is a true testament of learning and sharing ideas.

- The Board has had an on-going, extensive discussion on School Board Election dates and when to hold elections. Material has been provided to the Board on Wayne and Oakland County school election dates. However, the Board is moving forward to approve a publication notice to hold a Public Hearing to establish a regular election date. The Board will meet on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, at 501 W. Main Street, Third Floor Conference Room (302) at 7:00 p.m. to hear public comments.
- The Board approved the 2007/08 General Fund Budget Amendment.
- The Board approved the purchase of a pick-up truck.
- The Board approved the 2007/08 Non-Affiliated contract for Ms. Jan Purtell, Business Partnership Coordinator.
- The Board moved into Executive Session for reasons of negotiations.
- The Board adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

<b>Meeting/Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
NHS Choir	12/12, 13, 15	7:00 p.m.	NHS
Special Call Board Meeting	12/18/07	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Policy	12/18/07	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Instructional Services	12/18/07	8:15 p.m.	COA 302