

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2007/08

December 19, 2007

Board of Education Meetings

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 Special Call meeting of the Board of Education at Central Office Administration Building, 501 W. Main, Room 302, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: Northville High School Dance Company field trip to attend the 9th Annual National High School Dance Festival in Philadelphia, PA from March 13-16, 2008 and Research Project: Andrew Moore – “Summer Activities of America’s Children – a reflection on conceptions of parenting and childhood.”
- President Wadsworth shared that five board members discussed, at the December 18, 2007 Special Call Board meeting, moving the election date to November on an annual basis. She asked the Board members to comment on what they discussed personally at that meeting. Dr. Rezmierski stated that he distributed documents from Novi Schools who switched to November on an annual basis and Walled Lake Schools went to even years in November. He also stated that he spoke with Don Wotruba, Michigan Association of School Boards, regarding a legislative bill coming out next year that will deal with what clerks want, what is appropriate for School Districts and what is the cost savings. President Wadsworth said that the district would save \$25,000 by not holding their election in May and shared that the average costs of elections is \$7,500 or \$3,500 if they split the costs with Schoolcraft College.
- Trustee Handley realizes that cost containment is the driving point that is moving district to choose November. She has a concern with the transition of incoming Board Trustees. The district normally has a slow-down

time in the summer where administration can work with new Board members explaining procedures with a school district. She feels that in November, it’s the busiest time of year where they won’t get adequate assistance placing a great responsibility on administrators

- Dr. Paciorek stated she was originally inclined to stay with the May election, but after the extensive discussion on December 18th, she saw the need to move the election to November. Ms. Wadsworth said the Board recognizes the challenges but saving \$25,000 is very important in these financially challenging times.
- Superintendent Rezmierski reminded the Board that if this doesn’t work out, we would probably have an opportunity in 3-5 years to revisit this issue. He also reminded the Board that Dr. Price supports moving the School Board Election to November annually while Mr. Roth is not in favor of changing the election to November.
- The Board approved the resolution to conduct its regular school election on the November regular election date in both even and odd years commencing with the year 2008. Motion carried 4-1.
- The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.