

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

March 24, 2009

Board of Education Meetings

04/07/09	Old Village School
04/28/09	Ridge Wood Elementary
05/12/09	Old Village School
05/26/09	Amerman Elementary
06/09/09	Old Village School
06/23/09	Old Village

Board of Education (as of 1/13/09)

Mr. Ken Roth, President
Ms. Libby Smith, Vice President
Ms. Joan Wadsworth, Treasurer
Ms. Judith Handley, Secretary
Dr. Karen Paciorek, Trustee
Dr. Marilyn Price, Trustee
Ms. Dottie Garrity, Trustee

At a Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education at Thornton Creek Elementary School, Novi, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 3/10/09 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Donation of \$1,300 from the Knights of Columbus Council 11811 to Old Village School to purchase computer software for the students; c) Approve the following policies for reaffirmation: 5133 – School Safety Bills and 5300 – Discriminatory Harassment of Students; d) Authorization for Board members to temporarily serve as Secretary of the Board of Education for the purpose of signing graduation diplomas; e) Out-of-State Physics Field Trip to Sandusky, Ohio, on 5/14/09; and f) Award a contract to McNulty Electric, Inc., for removal of existing, purchase and installation of light fixtures for Hillside Middle School and Old Village School gymnasiums for a sum not to exceed \$17,250.
- The Board approved the following Northville Educational Foundation Trustee nominations: Ms. Amy Storm (replacing M. Buckhave) for one-year term; Mr. Mark Knoth – three-year term; Mr. Jim Sourges – three-year term; and Ms. Judith Wollack – three-year term.
- Dr. Rezmierski, Ms. Handley and Ms. Garrity attended a Wayne County Association of School Boards (WCASB) meeting at RESA on Thursday, March 19, 2009 to hear a Mr. Gary Olson, Director of the Senate Fiscal Agency, give an update on the State Budget. Dr. Rezmierski will not make public any information until he knows what Northville qualifies for. If any citizen would like a copy of Mr. Olson's report, please contact the Superintendent's Office.
- Thornton Teachers Ms. Eagle and Ms. Furlow's class led the Board through a multiple-circuit tour of daily indoor activity options to support "Gators Get Movin" school theme and Whole Child School Improvement Goal. Principal Sharon Irvine presented Thornton Creek's School Improvement goals and initiatives.
- Principal Sharon Irvine presented a PowerPoint presentation of Thornton Creek's School Improvement Goals and Initiatives. She compared the 2007/08 MEAP scores which showed a strong performance. She is proud of the way her students have succeeded academically in Math, Reading and Writing. Ms. Irvine next spoke about the 2007/2010 School Improvement Goals: Improve Writing, Knowledge and Application of Civics; Promote School Culture that Supports the Development of the Whole Child. The first goal deals with writing and increasing authentic writing

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opportunities, writing to a prompt as a genre, and developing metacognition in writing. The Civics goal is to align distribution and application of Core Democratic Values (service projects like Northville Civic Concern, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Blankets for Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Kids Against Hunger). Student participation in a democratic process involves Student Council, Spirit Week, bi-monthly meetings.)

- Ms. Irvine reported on the Response to Intervention – Data Exploration (MEAP-IOWA); Interventions (FAST Learning – Kindergarten pilot; short-term intervention groups). She spoke about developing the whole child research support and the emotional component of the whole child in asking students if they filled a bucket today. Ms. Irvine had parents evaluate the school theme and receive positive reinforcement. She also surveyed the students. Ms. Irvine spoke about raising the bar for the physical goal for next year and about cognitive goals for the 2010/11 school year. She showed a DVD of Thornton Creek students getting exercise in the classroom, outside the classroom, running, jumping, doing small/large motor exercises.
- Superintendent Rezmierski reminded the Board of their acceptance of an Energy Management study one and one-half years ago. Mr. Bolitho said this marks the one year anniversary with Energy Education, Inc. Energy Educator Rich Welch explained that as of January 15, 2009, Northville Public Schools has saved \$456,000. He said he arrived at this number after taking the district usage of KWH and MCF of last year and comparing it with the usage and price this year. He took the difference and multiplied it by the present KWH and MCF price to determine the savings. He said after subtracting the cost of the program, accounting software, seminars and energy manager's salary, the district has a net savings of \$234,869 for the first year, which equate to a 17% savings. Mr. Welch said he has a breakdown of the savings at each school.
- The Board awarded a contract to PCI Industries, Inc., for the Northville High School acoustical treatment in the Forum.
- The Board approved to delete Policy 5132 – Student Dress & Grooming.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Northville Educational Foundation	03/31/09	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Finance	04/07/09	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	04/07/09	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

- The Board meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.