

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

January 27, 2009

Board of Education Meetings

02/10/09	Old Village School
02/24/09	Moraine Elementary
03/10/09	Old Village School
03/24/09	Thornton Creek Elementary
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)

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

At a Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education at Silver Springs Elementary School, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 1/13/09 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Approval of the following policies for second reading: 3260.3 – Parent-Student Financial Obligations and 3324 – Federal Program Reimbursement and Revenue; c) Donation of \$500 to Cooke School from Toyota Motor Engineering and Mfg. North America, Inc.; d) Storm Water Control Policy, Procedure and Resolution; and e) Deletion of the following Business Courses: Real Estate Pre-license and Interactive Multi-Media.
- Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher spoke briefly on how the district celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day on January 19, 2009. She stated the district held their second district-wide writing and poster contest for students in 4th – 6th grades and 9-12th grades to honor the contributions of Dr. King. Mrs. Gallagher said many students read their essays during morning announcements. Classroom discussions and activities ranged from reading informational pieces on Dr. King; to reading about Ruby Bridges and connecting that with Dr. King's work at the primary levels; to singing "freedom" songs in music and discussing the significance of Dr. King's legacy in relation to the inauguration of the first African-American president the next day. Mrs. Gallagher shared that the evening culminated with Unity in Community event with selected readings, presentation of awards and key note speaker Dr. Donald Burwell, CEO of KAH Great Lakes Coalition, speaking about Kids Against Hunger. Those present also heard the Northville High School Choir perform. She shared that essays were posted on the board for all to review. Special Services Director Lynne Mossoian coordinated the evening events at Genitti's Restaurant where 11 winners and 6 honorees were recognized. Ms. Mossoian said this was a positive and enjoyable event for all who participated. Trustee Karen Paciorek stated that each of the winners received \$100 savings bonds, compliments of President Eric Barritt, President of the Northville Educational Foundation (NEF).
- NEA President Ann Cook addressed the Board regarding the Teachers' Master Agreement. She said that the district's legal counsel informed the NEA that the district is interested in making revisions to the Master Agreement. She asked when the District and School Board will direct its legal counsel to provide teachers with a final copy of the Master Agreement as ratified on 10/29/08 and approved by the Board on

- 10/30/08. President Roth said he did not have a date nor was he certain about which revisions they were looking at. He added that there was a meeting to discuss that today and as soon as counsel briefs the Board, they will move forward. Ms. Cook responded that the teachers expect to receive a copy of the Master Agreement as ratified on 10/29/08 and approved by the Board on 10/30/08 with no new revisions.
- Principal Scott Snyder introduced PTA President Debbie Grant-Kelterborn and students leaders who presented the Board with books to the Silver Springs Media Center in honor of Board Appreciation Month as well as bookmarks for the Board to keep. Staff members Marianne Barry, Katti Bilyk, Megan Holmes, Amy Morelli and Pam Schulman presented a PowerPoint presentation on Growing Academic and Socially with Peer Pals (GRASP). This program was modeled after Links Program with autism students at Clarkston Community Schools. Students were invited to participate and had to attend three training sessions and meet once a week for 20 minutes with their buddy to help with academic or social assignments. Eighty-four students participated keeping their buddy for at least one semester. Great learning for all involved. Leaders completed a community log that was later viewed by the staff. Students had fun and celebrated by coming up with Team names, producing Peer Pal buttons and enjoying in holiday parties. They hope to expand this program to other elementary schools. The teachers thanked Start Grant and Limbach Company for their financial support of this program. Parent Stephanie Mansfield is grateful for Peer Pals and complimented the staff for getting this program off the ground.
 - Mr. Snyder presented a slide presentation of Silver Springs' School Improvement Plans that were presented at the 12/3/08 District School Improvement meeting. He stated that he has to work on the Affect domain dealing with self esteem while the Cognitive and School Climate domains are completed. He reviewed data from 2004-07 on student achievement where Silver Springs scored in the 98-99% in Reading; 87% in Writing (5th grade), 70% in 3rd and 4th grades; and 93-94% in Math for 3-4-5th grades. He explained the difference between Systematic and Systemic processes, Adaptive Schools, and Obstacles and Milestones that Silver Springs faced.
 - President Roth thanked Mr. Snyder for an excellent presentation. He extended his appreciation for the informative data collected and the combination of social skills with objective-driven learning that Silver Springs is doing. Treasurer Wadsworth complimented the staff for the wonderful GRASP program. She said this program is a learning process as was the Instructional Support Team (IST) program that began 12 years ago at Silver Springs. She said Silver Springs leads the way on leaving an impact on children.
 - The Board approved the documentation of existing high school curriculum and instructional materials for English – English 10 and Honors English 10.
 - The Board approved Policy #3525 – Social Security Number Privacy for first reading.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Finance	02/03/09	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	02/03/09	8:15 p.m.	COA 302
National Merit Breakfast	02/04/09	8:15 a.m.	HS Cafeteria

- The Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.