

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

February 24, 2009

## Board of Education Meetings

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)

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 Moraine Elementary School, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 2/10/09 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) New course approvals for the development of English 11: Multigenre, Honors English 11: Multigenre, and Honors English 11: Philosophy; c) Early Childhood Program Name Changes; and d) Policies for reaffirmation: 3545 – School Bus & Transportation Program; 4304 – Monitoring Driver & Vehicle Records; 5117 – Attendance Zone Assignment/Open Enrollment; and 5119 – Students Leaving or Entering the School District.
- The Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following Eagle Scouts: Andrew William Benjamin, Thomas James Bennett, Donald Joseph Ebben and Zachary K. Fuller.
- Superintendent Rezmierski has received different materials that he would like to share with citizens and staff regarding our economic climate. However, he said there are three versions of the Stimulus Package, and he is waiting on the final version before disseminating to the public. An update will follow in the near future.
- Moraine 5<sup>th</sup> grade Music students, along with their teacher Jackie Lenze, communicated what they are learning about the foundations of our nation by sharing music from their upcoming musical, “Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution” where they sang Fifty Nifty United States. Moraine Kindergarteners in Jan Loeffler’s class made pillow case dresses for girls in Africa and presented a short fashion show for the Board and community. The boys collected school shorts and shirts. A “Meet and Greet” took place among the Board, staff, students and parents.
- Moraine Student Council members presented books to each Board member for their signature in honor of School Board Appreciation Month in January. These books will go to the Moraine Library.
- Principal Denise Bryan presented an overview of Moraine’s School Report, “School Wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) where schools and parents must partner as they make efforts to more effectively teach students respect for themselves, others, and their surroundings; to learn to take responsibility for their actions; to behave in ways that are safe for them and others; and to become productive and engaged learners. She displayed a three- tier model of School-Wide PBS. Tier One deals with behavior expectations, procedures, consequences for all students; Tier Two targets interventions, simple behavior plans,

alternatives to suspension, increased academic support; Tier Three targets social skills instruction, e.g. anger management, behavior assessment, individual behavior plans, parent collaboration and intensive academic support. PBS program is researched-based and used widely across the United States.

Ms. Bryan also spoke about two things that are on the district’s website: Improving Student Writing and Climate. She deferred to a book entitled, No David, by David Shannon, who experienced much negative feedback (No, David) when he was in Kindergarten. Moraine is focusing on positive behavior for all students and the staff has received great support from Chris McEvoy at Wayne RESA through a grant.

President Roth extended his thanks to Ms. Bryan and Moraine Staff for the warm welcome and tour of the building. He commented that Moraine’s focus on Climate as part of the School Improvement Plan is demonstrated as he and other Board members toured the building with members of Student Council. He and Dr. Rezmierski said Moraine is a warm and caring environment. He and Dr. Rezmierski thanked Ms. Bryan for a wonderful presentation.

Dr. Rezmierski also congratulated Ms. Bryan for receiving re-certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards through 2019. Treasurer Wadsworth said she is so impressed with Moraine and other buildings that she believes principals and teachers could run a professional development program just based on the good ideas presented at the school, e.g. Stand Up for Justice, Intrinsic Motivations and now PBS. She told Ms. Bryan that tonight, she has followed a proud tradition in Northville—that of being a leader.

- The Board approved the 2008/09 Budget Amendment.
- The Board approved the administration of “The Survey of Student Resources and Assets.”
- The Board approved Policy 3400 – Participation in Tax-Sheltered Annuities for first reading.
- The Board moved into Executive Session for purposes of negotiations.

<b>Meeting/Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
NHS Cabaret	02/28/09	7:00 p.m.	NHS Cafeteria
Finance	03/03/09	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	03/03/09	8:15 p.m.	COA 302
Human Resources	03/16/09	11:30 a.m.	COA 302

- The Board meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.