

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

April 28, 2009

Board of Education Meetings

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

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At a Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education at Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda item: Minutes of the 4/7/09 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
- Ridge Wood Principal Alicia Parsons introduced Student Council President Antonio Corsi who welcomed the Board to Ridge Wood Elementary. He pointed to various posters on the walls. In particular, one showing the countries of the student body at Ridge Wood. Ms. Parson next introduced Ms. Zoldak's Kindergarten class who presented, "Stretchy the Snake," song. Mrs. Thomas' first grade students presented original stories based on a "five finger" planning and development strategy. Ms. Balish's third grade students presented revised stories using "Stars and Wishes" techniques. Ms. Zane's fifth grade class explained the writing process, "From Brainstorming to Final Draft." Principal Parson spoke about the development of the Professional Learning Community and Diversity. She referred to an array of writing instruction, which was part of the School Improvement Goal. She quoted "the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality." She questioned what we are here for; where do we want to see our school go; defining Mission, Vision and Values clearly and concisely; and talked about ownership. Learning Consultant Heather Bauer, who also is the School Improvement Chairperson, spoke about determination and implementation of Ridge Wood *S.M.A.R.T. Goals*. She cited that all staff is involved in the process meeting on a regular basis. Staff used data from Iowa Testing, Classroom Testing, and MEAP since the latter is a primary source because it comes from the state. She reported that Ridge Wood students scored well but the staff always thinks how they can improve. The school was focused on Writing Goals because writing occurs in all subjects.
- PTA President Debbie Peck is ending her tenure as President and introduced Ms. Christine Reither who will be replacing her. She said nowhere in the job description did it cite breaking in a new principal, but she thoroughly enjoyed working with Ms. Parsons. Keeping with tradition, she presented the Board with books that will be added to Ridge Wood's Media Center in their honor. She asked the Board to sign the cover page and return the books.
- President Roth and Superintendent Rezmierski presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Eagle Scouts: Daniel Keys and Andrew Kreichelt.

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- The Board approved a resolution to discuss selection of a resolution to designate a representative to vote in the Wayne RESA Election.
- The Board approved the resolution declaring May 4-8, 2009 as *National Teachers Appreciation Week*.
- The Board received a Press Release from the Michigan Department of Education recognizing *Michigan School Support Staff Week April 20-24, 2009*.
- Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher has provided a letter to the parents, staff and community, informing them there are no confirmed cases of Swine Flu within the Northville Public Schools and that Wayne RESA is working with the Wayne County Health Department to help distribute information to schools regarding the Swine Flu. Ms. Gallagher attached information about the best method to prevent illness, the importance of contacting your physician if your child is experiencing flu-like symptoms, and the importance of contacting the school if your child is sick enough to stay at home. A Fact Sheet was also provided by Wayne County Health Department.
- The Board approved contracts for the 2004 Bond Issue Projects.
- The Board approved the Water Main Easement agreements for Meads Mill Middle School and Ridge Wood Elementary School.
- The Board awarded a contract to *Federated Service Pro* for the purchase of Portable Distance Learning Carts funded by the 2004 Technology Bond Funds
- The Board approved the three year Technology Plan (June 2009 – June 2012).
- The Board approved the following policies for reaffirmation: 6131.1 – Media Center Materials & Selection and 6145 – Complimentary Passes to Athletic Contests.
- The Board approved the following policies for first reading: 6153 – Field Trips and 5142 – Wellness.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Human Resources	04/29/09	9:00 a.m.	Lower Level Conference Room
Public Hearing – Health Curriculum	04/29/09	7:00 p.m.	NHS Forum
ECE Art Walk	05/01/09	6:00 p.m.	Northville Town Square
Finance	05/05/09	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	05/05/09	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

- The Board meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.