

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

May 12, 2009

Board of Education Meetings

05/26/09	Amerman Elementary
06/09/09	Old Village School
06/23/09	Old Village

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

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At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at Old Village School, 405 W. Main, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board received two communications: Northville Youth Assistance Report – April 2009; and a letter from Mr. James Petrie asking the Northville Board of Education for their support in the upcoming RESA Board election.
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 4/28/09 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education; b) 2008/09 Retirement Resolutions honoring the following retirees: Annette Arcuragi, Para Educator; Nancy Arnold, Math Teacher; Marilyn Bachorik, Principal; Jackie Bain, Para Educator; Sue Coulter, Administrative Aide; Joy Donnellon, Special Ed Teacher; Wayne Durbin, Custodial Leader; Camille Ellis, Para Educator; Elizabeth Heath, Cafeteria Assistant; Barbara Ibach, Media Specialist; Ronald Meteyer, Science Teacher/Coach; Steve Romba, Foreign Language Teacher; Celeste Smallwood, Special Education Teacher; Susan Spaniol, Media Specialist; and Helen Williams, Para Educator; c) Donation of \$25,000 from Mrs. Alice Karoub to Cooke School; d) Approve the following policies for second reading: 6153 – Field Trips and 5142 – Wellness; and e) Bill Warrants totaling \$2,216,465.04; f) Approve NHS Out-of-State Field Trip Request, Chicago, IL, 05/15/09; g) Minutes of the 4/21/09 Public Hearing - Health Curriculum Recommendations; h) Minutes of the 4/29/09 Public Hearing – Health Curriculum Recommendations
- Silver Springs Teacher David Wayne received “*The American Legion’s Teacher of the Year*” award.
- Galileo 07 Cohort (Denise Brockman, Donna Case, Shannon Cullen, Hubert Rast) presented a digital story of their two-year experience in the Galileo Leadership Program. The following 2009/11 Galileo Cohort will begin their two-year commitment beginning in the Fall 2009: Laura DeMarti, Janet Gillies, Teri Scott and Cheryl Sepich.
- The district reviewed two common calendar options for the 2013/14 school year. Option 1 deals with a more traditional break which is Good Friday through Easter Week; Option 2 is to put the break a week before. The Board prefers Option 2. Dr. Rezmierski will get something out on List Serv and the web once RESA votes in June.
- The district approved the resolution declaring May 6, 2009 as *School Nurse Day*. Dr. Rezmierski said he will send a letter of congratulations to all the nurses in the

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- district along with a copy of the proclamation signed by Governor Granholm.
- The district received Wayne RESA's 2009/10 budget report.
- Special Services Director Lynne Mossoian informed the Board that Mr. Rick Rojas is Program Coordinator for English Language Learners (ELL) and provides service to 6 elementary schools. Andrea Scampa is an ELL teacher at Hillside and Meads Mill Middle Schools and Morgan Cox is ELL at Northville High School. Ms. Mossoian said this staff is committed to the meet the needs of the students and the challenges they face serves to inspire them. She announced that Mr. Rojas is active at the district and state levels with his work on intervention. Mr. Rojas will be serving as Treasurer on the State Board of Directors next year. ELL Coordinator Rick Rojas reviewed the Title III Program Evaluation. He provided a brief introduction explaining the number of English Language Learners that are enrolled in schools throughout Michigan and how No Child Left Behind requires a review of the Local Educational Agency programs. He explained the Evaluation Checklist (49 questions in 6 areas), Program Evaluation Guide, Resources for ESL Program Development and Continuous School Improvement. Mr. Rojas informed the Board that there are 46 languages from 39 countries represented at Northville Public Schools. The top 10 spoken are: Chinese, Japanese, Telugu, Arabic, Korean, Spanish, Punjabi, Gujarati, German and Urdu. Mr. Rojas started an ELL Parent Advisory Group where parents learn about the program and can chat with the ELL teachers. The team has goals for next year dealing with parent/community involvement, instructional programs and assessment, and program evaluation and school improvement.
- The Board approved the *High School Health Course Abstinence-Only Curriculum and Instructional Materials and Revisions to the Abstinence-Based curriculum and instructional materials for Strand 6 – HIV/STI prevention and Strand 7 – Human Sexuality Education.*
- Citizen Comments: John Zinser, Athletics Boosters Club, explained the need to invest in artificial turf for the football stadium. He believes the facilities are no longer safe, and the Boosters Club wants to meet with administration to develop a plan. The Board is open to suggestions; however, money is tight in this economy. Superintendent is meeting with some parents regarding this concern.
- The Board approved that the following staff will earn tenure on their 2009 anniversary dates: Jeff Balagna, Kary Couchman, Matthew Creighton, Lynda Davies, Lindsey Elgammal, Tara Fortino, Christina Gath-Witter, Catherine Gibson, Dorrie Gordon, Katharine Grimm, Tricia Jendretzke, Kelly Johnson, Lorrie Kingsbury, Melanie Korczyk, Alison LaCombe, Kristen Miller, Tim Ortopan, Shailee Patel, Danielle Pietrandrea, Catherine Pinkelman, Marc Sierra, Shannon Torres and Theresa Weiss.
- The Board approved to purchase a Toro wide area lawn mower and canopy.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
NHS Senior Honors Convocation	05/19/09	7:00 p.m.	NHS
Instructional Services/Policy (Thursday)	05/21/09	7:00/8:15 p.m.	COA 302
NHS Prom	05/22/09	6:00 p.m.	Rock Financial
Amerman Learning Fair	05/26/09	6:30 p.m.	Amerman
Board Meeting	05/26/09	7:30 p.m.	Amerman Elementary
NHS Graduation	05/30/09	7:00 p.m.	Compuware
Finance	06/02/09	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Administrative Services	06/02/09	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

- The Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.