

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

May 26, 2009

Board of Education Meetings

06/09/09	Old Village School (Center Program)
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 Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center Street, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board received one communication: Wayne RESA Board Highlights – May 13, 2009
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 5/12/09 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. b) Research Proposal – “High School Readers Study” to be conducted by MSU Doctoral Candidate Catherine Wigent; c) Administration of the Michigan Profile for Health Youth (MiPHY) Survey beginning in 2009/10; d) Documentation of existing middle school curriculum for *Multimedia Graphics*, *Drawing and Painting (Gr. 8)*, and *Design and Sculpture (Gr. 8)*; e) Alignment of the high school course *Ceramics Studio* with the Michigan Merit Curriculum Visual, Performing and Applied Arts content guidelines; and f) Policy 6155 – Access to Networked Information Resources and Policy 6200 – Conducting Independent Special Education Educational Evaluations at Public Expense.
- Dr. Steve Anderson, Amerman Principal, introduced PTA President Teresa Boss and Vice President Jeanne Buscarino. He presented a slide presentation regarding Amerman’s 2008/09 School Improvement Report. Dr. Anderson reviewed the goals. He also shared that Amerman received a *Michigan Green Schools* certificate from County Executive Robert Ficano that Amerman has received the “Emerald Green” school status. Some of their ecological activities included developing habitat centers, being a member of *Friends of the Rouge River*, learning about solar energy through their Solar Sprint and recycling program.
- Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher introduced the Art teachers, along with their student(s), who presented watercolor paintings, collages, clay pieces, portrait painting, stoneware sculptures, photographs, ceramics and wall hangings to name a few. President Roth presented Certificates of Recognition and thanked the teachers and students for donating their art pieces for display at the Board Office.
- Superintendent Rezmierski announced that Mr. Art Fischer, Building Supervisor at Old Village School, will be retiring effective June 30, 2009.
- Amerman Elementary has qualified for the Family-School Partnership Award of Merit for implementing family involvement programs based on PTA’s National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement.
- The Board approved the 2009/2010 Wayne RESA General Fund Operating Budget.

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- Treasurer Wadsworth opened the meeting for purposes of discussing budget for the 2009/10 school year. Business Director John Street provided a Budget Overview for 2009/10 that must be adopted by the end of June 2009. He reviewed the Revenue explaining the following State Funding: 1) 90%+ of Northville Public Schools (NPS) General funds established by the state; 2) State School Aid revenue has fallen; 3) State Federal Stimulus Funds = \$1.3 billion. For the fiscal year 2008/09 – we have a deficit of \$429 million; for fiscal year 2009/10 – we have a deficit of \$867 million. ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) – Stimulus Funds. Mr. Street said that to recover, we need to spend money and reinvest in targeted programs. The district cannot replace local funds with ARRA money. Transparency is where there will be close federal monitoring. Mr. Street next spoke about NPS Stimulus Money. 1) IDEA Funds for K-12 Special Education. The regular allocation is \$778,000 and ARRA Allocation is \$803,000 for a total of \$1,581,000. The second ARRA allocation is due to be released this summer. Mr. Street explained Revenue and Expense. He illustrated that if 25 or 50 students are added, this will increase State revenue. However the expenses would be as follows: Salary: +\$1,203,000; Benefits: +\$450,000; Other: -\$140,000 for a Net Deficit of \$916,000 to \$1,077,000

Mr. Street reported the following Reduction Proposals:

Teaching Staff

5 Elementary Teachers = \$281,250
Leave 4 positions vacant = \$172,500
Eliminate Permanent subs = \$112,500

Other Staff

Custodial/Maintenance - \$146,000
Clerical = \$31,250
Middle School Football = \$18,750
Reduce bus magnet pick up = \$100,000
Conference, postage, supplies = \$63,200
Additional Revenue:
Transfer from other funds = \$40,000
Contributions = \$30,000
Total = \$995,450 (reductions)

The Board had extensive discussion with back-up material to be provided at the 6/2/09 Finance Subcommittee meeting.

- The Board approved to continue with the Opt-Out Provision of the School Law for the 2009/10 and continuing school years.
- The Board approved curriculum alignment and corresponding instructional materials and textbook requests for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade Social Studies funded out of the 2008/09 budget.
- The Board approved the curriculum alignment and corresponding instructional materials and textbook requests for the 6th grade Science Ecosystems unit and a portion of the instructional materials and teacher guides for the revised K-5 Science program that will be funded out of the 2008/09 budget.
- The Board approved the bid award to Suntel Services for the Centralized UPS system and the bid award to Headapohl Electronics for the VCR Replacement Project.
- The Board approved the following policies for first reading: 6161 – Textbooks & Materials Selections & Adoption and 5140.1 – Confiscation of Student Property.
- The Board approved to expel a Northville High School student in accordance with the recommendation of the high school administration and supported by the hearing officer.
- The Board approved A-1 Cement be awarded a contract for replacing the asphalt walk located between the Eight Mile stadium and the softball field with concrete.
- The Board awarded a contract to B & B Sod for replacement of the Eight Mile stadium irrigation system, removal of the existing playing surface and replacement with sod.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
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 10:10 p.m.

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