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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 Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 6/09/09 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) 2009/10 Board of Education/Subcommittee Meeting Schedules; c) Elementary Curriculum Alignment with the Grade Level Content Expectations for K-5 Physical Education, K-5 Science, and K-5 Michigan Educational Technology Standards; d) Documentation of middle school curriculum for Art Communications (Gr 7) and Intermediate Art (Gr. 7) and e) Approval for the following course to be eligible for Michigan Merit Curriculum 4th Math Credit: Accounting I, II, III, and IV; and AP Computer Science.
- President Roth, Superintendent Rezmierski, and Athletic Director Bryan Masi presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Track/Lacrosse – All-State Winners: Ali Arastu, Beth Roach, Amy Reynolds, Ian Meador, Alec Stirton and Nick Diegel.
- President Roth, Superintendent Rezmierski, and Athletic Director Bryan Masi presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Boys' Golf members who placed 5th in the State: Alexander Bernstein, Steven Brown, Brandon Cameron, Wesley Gates (Division 1 State Golf Champ), Eric Goebel, Trevor Grigg and Coaches Matt Stetson and Chris Cronin.
- President Roth, Superintendent Rezmierski, and Athletic Director Bryan Masi presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Girls' Tennis members who placed 4th in the State: Amy Bernstein, Ursula Cauffiel, Erin Doud, Abby Grajek, Haley Johnston, Tanya Joseph, Valerie Juan, Sabrina Masciulli, Mackenzie Powers, Maudie Smith, Laura Taylor, Joanne Weber and Coach Sandy Woolfall.
- President Roth, Superintendent Rezmierski, and Athletic Director Bryan Masi presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Girls' Softball District Champions: Jennifer Buckingham, Nara DeMuro, Natalie DeMuro, Samantha Doud, Katelyn Fenech, Karly Fisher, Megan O'Malley, Mary Rounsifer, Sarah Rounsifer, Meredith Williams, Mariel Wilson, Paige Wilson and Coaches Kary Couchman and Jim Ritz.
- President Roth, Superintendent Rezmierski, and Athletic Director Bryan Masi presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Boys' Baseball District Champions: Dylan Beault, Kyle Breault, Matthew Deacon, Kevin Fisher, Brian Gotberg, Edgar Harrison, Joseph Hirka, Ryan Liening, Gregory Lorrain, Daniel

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Mills, Davin Montgomery, Ryan Mullen, Joshua Pratt, Trystin Scott, Anthony Sergi, Robert Thomas, David Uberti, Jake Williams and Coach John Kostrzewa.

- Yearbook Sponsor Ronalee Henderhan presented the 2008/09 Northville High School Yearbook to Dr. Rezmierski. Normally yearbooks are given to each Board member, but the Board donated their copies to students who could not afford to purchase a yearbook. Ms. Henderhan thanked the Board for their generosity. She introduced students Amy Baditol and Stephanie Hamel who spoke about the effort in producing this yearbook entitled “and your point is....”
- Mrs. Gallagher reviewed the Charge, Cost/Benefit Analysis of Kindergarten Programming Options; Parent/Stakeholder input; and analysis regarding the Feasibility/Impact of Full Day Kindergarten in great detail. She said the full report will be on the district’s website for anyone who wants to see the total results. This report was thoroughly reviewed at the June 16, 2009 Instructional Services Subcommittee meeting. Mrs. Gallagher summarized the research/literature, current program, enrollment data, facility information, etc. In conclusion, Full/Half Day Kindergarten provides benefits and challenges to each of the options and reinforces the fact a district must ask whether or not the long-term benefits of a Full-Day Kindergarten warrant the reallocation of the resources necessary for implementation. Treasurer Wadsworth feels the research is neutral as far as academic benefits for Northville students. Ms. Gallagher said the information, at this time, is inconclusive. Ms. Wadsworth feels that the Board will need to decide if this is a service that our community values irregardless if the district can prove academic impact for students. She also needs to examine whether we are losing families because we are not offering Full-Day Kindergarten. President Roth concurred that the report is complicated but the study is helpful because it delineates what we have to grapple with in terms of costs, stakeholders’ interest, infrastructure, staffing, etc. There may also be legal requirements forced upon us where Lansing officials could mandate a full-day without funding.
- Business Director Street said the 2008/09 budget needs to be amended to reflect the final budget changes. He provided budgets for both years as well as a budget summary sheet which incorporated reduction items. Mr. Street said the approval of next year’s budget is subject to amendments because the school
- Treasurer Wadsworth reminded citizens that the Board needs to adopt a balanced budget at the end of this month since our fiscal year begins July 1. However, she said that there are many aspects of the budget that are unknown. Ms. Wadsworth said they are not certain of the number of students or income we will have. She said the State is planning to provide districts with stimulus monies (\$630 million) to offset our deficit. At the same time, the State said we will have to make an additional cut of \$110 per student in the Fall, which means we need to cut \$750,000 to \$780,000 in the budget.
- Business Director Street said the ARRA monies will be given because of unsettled enrollments and unsettled funding. The budget will be amended prior to September. Mr. Street distributed a one-page budget reduction sheet for the 2009/10 school year and explained each line item. With these budget reductions, Mr. Street believes the district will have a plus \$63,000 at the beginning of the school year.
- Treasurer Wadsworth said they will not eliminate the middle school football program this Fall because they haven’t had the time to inform citizens and outside football organizations (Colts & Stallions) that could absorb the students interested in this sport. Treasurer Wadsworth reiterated the shortfall in School Aid fund of \$365 per student as well as \$600 per student loss next year. She, too, expects a \$110 per pupil cut in the Fall and projects that by 2011/12, there won’t be any money left from Stimulus Funds. Mrs. Wadsworth said they need to adopt the 2009/10 budget and revised 2008/09 budget tonight knowing that the 2009/10 budget will be readjusted during the summer.
- Citizens Lisa Beaudoin and Lynn Lavacek addressed the Board concerning high class size for ALPS next year. They asked about if there is a limit to the amount of students accepted into this program. Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher responded that there is a limit of 31-32 students per class, which is where the district is right now. She also informed them that there is a wait list. The citizens expressed their concern from an instructional standpoint on how a teacher can manage that many children in a classroom. President Roth thanked the citizens for their comments. He stated that class size is a major concern for Board members and, in the past, they have always kept the student count low. However, he reiterated that the Board cannot cut any more programs and they have to now cut people. The Board will monitor enrollment over the summer, but Mr. Roth said there is no guarantee that additional sections will be added.

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- Citizen Sue Laabs said, based on her own experience, that the ratio for ALPS is 29-1 so she assured the parents that the teachers can handle that amount of students. She thanked the Board for not eliminating middle school football program for the Fall giving parents a chance to transition into the outside organizations (Colts & Stallions). She also thanked the Board and Administration for repairing the athletic fields. Ms. Laabs will be President of the Northville High School PTSA this Fall and asked the district about PTA/PTSAs receiving notification requesting them to donate additional revenue to the schools. As a new President of NHS PTSA, she wants to know where the money is coming from, how much and what is it being used for. Superintendent Rezmierski said she and other Presidents of the PTA/PTSAs will be receiving a letter from him and the building principal seeking contributions for their respective buildings. It might be donations for library books or other line item accounts at their respective buildings. Dr. Rezmierski said Administration is seeking approximately \$3,000 from each elementary building president and \$5,000 from the secondary building presidents.. He said he met with the PTA Coordinating Council several weeks ago and reviewed this information. They asked him to send a letter to each building president, which he will do by next week.
- The Board approved a contract with Professional Contract Management, Inc., to employ four principals and one Central Office Administrator under the Retire/Rehire Program.
- The Board approved the curriculum alignment and corresponding instructional materials and textbook requests for *Honors' Algebra 1* and *Algebra 2 Concepts and Skills*
- The Board approved the instructional materials and textbook requests for *World History* and *AP World History*.
- The Board approved the instructional materials and textbook requests for *English 11: Creative Expressions, Multi-Genre, Honors' Multi-Genre* and *Honors' Philosophy*.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Board Study Session	06/29/09	5:00 p.m.	COA 302
Fourth of July Parade	07/04/09	10:00 a.m.	Downtown Northville
Finance/Ad Services	07/07/09	7:00/8:15 p.m. respectively	COA 302
Board Meeting	07/14/09	7:30 p.m.	Old Village School

- The Board meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.