

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

August 26, 2008

Board of Education Meetings

09/09/08	Old Village School
09/23/08	Northville High School
10/14/08	Old Village School
10/28/08	Hillside Middle School
11/11/08	Old Village School
11/18/08	Meads Mill Middle School
12/09/08	Winchester Elementary
01/13/09	Old Village School
01/27/09	Silver Springs Elementary
02/10/09	Old Village School
02/24/09	Moraine Elementary
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

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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 approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 08/12/08 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Minutes of the 08/19/08 Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education; and c) Middle School ELL materials (English Language Learner) entitled INSIDE: Language, Literacy and Content, totaling \$9,165 and funded by Title III grant monies.
- Superintendent Rezmierski stated that all buildings are prepared and ready to begin the new school year for teachers and students. Buildings are clean and much has been accomplished throughout summer while running a Summer School Program at Northville High School and regular classes at Cooke School and Early Childhood at Main Street. Dr. Rezmierski said that the transportation routes have been published and that Professional Development Plans are underway tomorrow for the entire teaching staff. He recognized Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Mossoian for their efforts in arranging the professional development overview, "Collaborating for Student Success."
- Superintendent Rezmierski also said that the district was surprised at the student growth over the summer. At the end of June, the district was hoping to maintain zero growth, but instead we gained 150 students. He said history over the past years in Northville saw student growth anywhere from 200 – 350 students. Hopefully, we will have kept the 150 students when it comes time to report 4th Friday count, which is scheduled for September 24, 2008.
- Assistant Superintendent Gallagher is looking forward to welcoming the teachers back for a professional development day tomorrow where the theme is "Collaborating for Student Success." She feels it will be a very meaningful and productive start to the school year. Welcoming teachers back tomorrow.
- Human Resources Director Don Thomas said he has one more position to fill and he is processing the paperwork on the hiring of 5 more elementary teachers that he plans to bring to the Board at the September 9, 2008 Board meeting.
- Superintendent concluded that all efforts to make the buildings ready for opening day are in place. Dr. Rezmierski said the Northville district has such a great reputation due to the staff and parents who entrust the staff to educate their children.

- The Board approved the following new certified teacher hires: Danielle Anderson, Joanna Brod, Paul Deschamps, Kellie Golec, Nancy Heitzman, Lori Lederman, Larry Liu, Susan Pascarella, Carolyn Pollard, Shannon Schafer, Maureen Schneider, Pamela Schulman, Courtney Silence, Alyson Thompson, Ann Marie Turnage, Sean Turner and Lisa Zaar.
- Superintendent Rezmierski reminded citizens and the Board that the Year-End Report is a permanent record of the 2007/08 school year activities where each member of Cabinet reflects on their respective departments with a list of their accomplishments, issues, challenges and concerns for the past school year. He highlighted the 2007/08, such as:
 - 1) 2007/08 District Goals were demanding and caused us to implement different measures to meet all objectives.
 - 2) District's Curriculum Review Process supported the efforts to continue curriculum delivery to the new State High School Graduation Requirements.
 - 3) State/Federal report Card (Ed Yes/NCLB/AYP) indicated outstanding performance by the NPS students. Cooke and Old Village were also included in this high level achievement.
 - 4) Instructional Support Team (IST) approach was utilized at all elementary buildings. For 12 years, Dr. Rezmierski said we have sustained this program with significant results.
 - 5) Audit Report was presented to the Board in the Fall 2007 and we have managed the challenge in providing quality programs year after year.
 - 6) Northville Education Foundations continues its diligent work with 8 trustees, Board of Education and district representatives who pursue opportunities to support the foundation's financial goals.
 - 7) The superintendent meets monthly with MOMS (Meeting of the Minds) groups involving the Northville Chamber President, and Township Manager, City Manager to discuss issues and concerns involving all parties.
 - 8) District still lacks NEA contract; met 11 times. Dr. Rezmierski is hopeful to reach resolution soon.
 - 9) Dr. Rezmierski said the district continues its involvement with State and Community Groups.
- Assistant Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher highlighted the following areas in the Office of Instruction providing thorough explanations: District Overarching Goal, Student Learning; District Continuous Improvement Process; Professional Learning; Curriculum Alignment/Development/Support; District communication Plan; Technology and Early Childhood Program. She said she continues to prioritize their development as a collaborative team within her office making strides in each of their goals. She thanked her support staff for their leadership, dedication and commitment to all the goals under the Office of Instruction as well as their continual support.
- Assistant Superintendent Dave Bolitho stated that Administrative Services has devoted a significant amount of time on five topics: Privatization; Fiscal Responsibility; Updating Resources from Administrative Services for Staff and Community; Staff Development; and Safety/Security. He stated that **Privatization** initiative was completed; however, Teamsters Local 214 did settle a three-year contract that helped to refrain in moving forward with privatization of the Custodial, Transportation and Food Service staff. Mr. Bolitho said **Fiscal Responsibility** involved monthly budget meetings with Mr. Street and cost cutting measures within his department. Food Service returned \$180,000 to the General Fund from surplus. **Updating Resources from Administrative Services Staff/Community** – Mr. Bolitho said all job descriptions were updated and posted on the Intranet, as well as, resources guides and forms for the entire staff. They continue to work on Custodial/Operations/Transportation websites which will be introduced in Fall. He cited that Food Services' website has two components: nutrition information and ingredients of each packaged product they sell in case parents want to read about items that their child

will be purchasing in terms of allergies, healthy choices, etc. **Staff Development** – Presentations for all custodial staff was provided showing proper use of equipment and green cleaning products reducing heavy duty cleaning materials that have a negative impact on our environment. He also reported recycling program and storage of recyclable **Safety and Security** – Mr. Bolitho said the district will continue with the Western Oakland Wayne (WOW) Consortium in implementing new protocols and programs to make schools safe for staff and community.

- Business Director John Street highlighted the following responsibilities in the Business Office: Budget, accounting, payroll, purchasing, and election information. He reported that the 2007/08 budget was adopted in June 2007 and amended in October, February, May and June. He said the foundation amount was increased to \$48. He added that the district borrowed cash to meet cash flow by issuing state aid anticipation notes in the amount of \$10,000,000 in August 2007 and was the same as was borrowed in the prior year. Mr. Street said the purchasing area has benefited over the years from innovations coming from Wayne RESA. Benefits function continues to be important to the operation of the district due to cost of providing benefits to employees. Mr. Street informed citizens that the Board has adopted a resolution to now hold the annual Board elections in conjunction with the November election date in order to save money. Mr. Street thanked his support staff for their dedication and commitment to making the Business Office run smoothly.
- Special Services Director Lynne Mossoian spoke about services for Special Education, English Language Learners, Early Intervention, Health Intervention and Pupil Accounting. She shared the 2007/08 accomplishments in Early Childhood Program, Instructional Support Teams at the elementary level, Response to Intervention, the new graduation requirements and its impact on special education students; Peer to Peer Support Groups, Continuous Improvement Monitoring System, Parent Groups, Nursing Services to name a few. Ms. Mossoian spoke about accomplishments at the Center Programs, Northville's Parent Advisory Committee; State and Federal Grants and many other programs, events and services. She also acknowledged her staff members who contribute to the success of these programs and services.
- Superintendent Rezmierski reviewed the six District Goals for the 2008/09 School Year. Another review with Ad Council will take place before bringing it to the Board for approval on 9/9/08.
- The Board approved Policy 1180.1 – Contracts with Board of Education Members.
- The Board approved the 2008/09 Board By-Laws for first reading.
- The Board approved to exercise the opt-out provision of the School Breakfast Program, Section 30.1272, Michigan School Code.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Welcome Back/Professional Development Day	08/27/08	8:30 a.m.	NHS Auditorium
Finance	09/03/08	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Ad Services	09/03/08	8:15 p.m.	COA 302
Board Meeting	09/09/08	7:30 p.m.	OVS
Victorian Festival	09/12-13/08	All Day Events	Parade at 6 p.m.

- Open House begins tomorrow for many schools.
- The Board asked Cabinet and trustees to keep 9/3/08 open not only for Finance/Ad Services Subcommittee meetings, but a possible Special Call Board Meeting so the Board/Cabinet can go into Executive Session. A decision will be decided sometime next week whether the Board will hold a Special Call Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.