

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

September 23, 2008

## Board of Education Meetings

10/14/08	Old Village School
10/28/08	Hillside Middle School
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At a Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board received one communication: Northville Youth Assistance Program Report – September 2008.
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 09/09/08 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Northville High School Out-of-State Field Trip to Spain in the Summer 2010; c) Northville High School Internship – Teacher Cadet Program clarification; and d) New Certified Teacher Hires:
- The Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Michael E. Leja for his Eagle Scout Award.
- Superintendent Rezmierski informed citizens that the Northville Public Schools received a grant to participate in a Homeland Security Program. He informed citizens about the successful mock simulation that took place at Meads Mill on September 18, 2008.
- Northville High School Student Blake Goran, Team Leader with the Northville High School Broadcast Program, inquired why Educational Technology has not installed new software for this program. Administration will investigate and get back with him.
- Principal Rob Watson briefly reviewed Northville High School's agenda for this evening. He then introduced the 17 National Merit Semi-Finalists and their families. President Wadsworth and Superintendent Rezmierski presented Certificates of Recognition to the following 2009 National Merit Semi-Finalists: Adam Arevalo, Joshua Buoy, Armen Changelian, Yonglu Che (perfect score), Joy Chen, Chelsea Glenn, Valerie Juan, Aartiti Kamat, Amol Kamat, Jimmy Li, Lauren Mancina, Shafer Oudeh, Savannah Sisk, Eme Ta, Linda Wang, Sravya Yandamuri and Abdul Latif Alashe.
- Student Congress members Haley Johnston and Kara Folas spoke about Homecoming and Freshman Orientation. They reminded all that the Homecoming Parade begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday immediately followed with the football game. The Homecoming Dance is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Assistant Principal Karin Pearson informed the Board that Mr. Derek Snider is the new Police Liaison at Northville High School. He will be there for the next three years playing an integral part of the Northville High School's administrative team. Mr. Snider couldn't be present tonight because he is participating in SWAT training. Ms. Pearson said Mr. Snider will be working with students and going into the classrooms to answer questions regarding safety and other concerns.

- Assistant Principal Monty Shambleau spoke about the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and Advanced Placement (AP) test results. As Testing Coordinator, he prepared charts showing test result comparison over the past two years, as well as, reviewing AP results from last spring. He reported that in 2008, all Juniors took the MME. Chart comparisons showed the following categories: Reading, Writing, Total ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- Mr. Shambleau said that the percentage of students who reached Level 1 (Advanced) and Level 2 (Proficient) was high. In most categories, he said they improved from Year 1 to Year 2, but stayed the same in Writing. He informed the Board that in 2007, 526 students took the tests; 545 took the tests this year. Mr. Shambleau said that through the Class A system, he will be able to perform an analysis of MME, MEAP and ACT scores breaking down standardized tests and classroom tests to look at students who need help. Mr. Shambleau provided another chart showing AP grades for 2007 and 2008.
- Assistant High School Principal Diana Hoffman presented a slide presentation about the Pillar Program. This program was designed to help transition 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from middle school to high school. The Pillar Program met during the summer for two weeks, Monday through Thursday, and was staffed by NHS teachers. Ms. Hoffman said this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the program. A former NHS student, Megan Campbell, collected data for her college course on the effectiveness of this program. Ms. Campbell's survey revealed that 88% of students say they would recommend this program to a friend; 77% felt more prepared for high school as a result of this program.
- Business Partnership Jan Purtell showed a PowerPoint presentation entitled "2008 Student Activities Stepping through Time." Victorian Festival took place Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. There were five rotation stations: Historic District Tour where 9<sup>th</sup> grade students performed historic reenactments; Victorian Games at the Senior Community Center; Storytelling in the Northville District Library; Entertainers at Genitti's Little Theatre where NHS vocal music students performed songs of the era; and a Magician at Town Square. Ms. Purtell said 510 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and 112 private school students participated in this year's events. She thanked the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, teachers, Food Service staff, Bus Drivers, Community Volunteers, Principals, Principals, Central Office staff and Support staff for their hard work. Ms. Purtell also thanked City of Northville's Department of Public Works and Police who assisted with traffic, as well as Genitti's, Northville Parks & Recreation, Northville Library and First Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities. Ms. Purtell next showed a short video clip of the day's activities produced by the NHS choir. She reminded folks that next year's Victorian Festival will take place on September 18<sup>th</sup> because we don't start school until 9/8/09.
- The Board approved the 2008 Summer School Report. Mr. Boshoven provided a brief overview of the Summer School Program. He mentioned that there were changes where they now offer on-line registration and payment process and offer new courses and on-line programs. He reported that 27 courses were offered and two-thirds of those courses were for high school students. 507 students participated in Summer School and 70% were NHS students. Staff totaled 27 and 11 were new hires. Mr. Boshoven said they offered new courses, e.g. Earth Science Essentials, On-Line Credit Recovery, and Algebra 1 – full year course. They had revenue of \$116,000+; Expenses totaled \$94,000. Biggest expense was an additional \$20,000 to cover added FICA and Retirement Costs needed for payroll purposes. However, Mr. Boshoven did return \$22,000 to the district from this program.
- NHS Teacher Heather Duff is asking to expand on-line offerings. She currently teaches business and computers and believes that offering On-Line Credit Recovery Classes for students who do not pass a class during the school year, can sign up for the Michigan Virtual HS in the summer. She explained how students can come in and go on-line and take pre-tests for each unit. Any modules/chapters they pass, they don't have to take during the course. Ms. Duff said this gives students the opportunity to focus on areas where they are struggling in. She stated that students can do the work at home and, thus, manage their time wisely. In order to master the program, they need to pass each module by 80%. Ms. Duff has received very positive feedback with this course. She feels with the new graduation requirements, this type of course can be integrated into the regular school year as well. It could enhance Seminar where students can work from home with on-line classes. She sees lots of opportunities with this Virtual HS.
- The Board reaffirmed the following policies: Policy 1330.1 – Use of Tobacco.
- The Board approved the following policies for first reading: Policy 1120.2 Salary Change Items on the Agenda; Policy 1250 – Family Involvement and Policy 1440 – Non-Discrimination.

- The Board entered into Executive Session for purposes of negotiations at 8:55 p.m. – 10:25 p.m.

<b>Meeting/Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Northville Education Foundation	09/30/08	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Finance	10/07/08	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Administrative Services	10/07/08	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

Meeting adjourned 10:27 p.m.

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