

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

**2008/09**

**October 14, 2008**

**Board of Education Meetings**

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

**Board of Education**

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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 one communication: Northville Youth Assistance Program Report – October 2008.
- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 09/23/08 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Minutes of the 10/07/08 Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education; c) Donation of \$2,000 to Old Village School from Joan & Ed Zamenski; d) Approval of the following policies for second reading: 1120.2 – Salary Change Items on the Agenda, 1250 – Family Involvement, and 1440 – Non-Discrimination; e) New Certified Teacher Hires: Michael Barnes, Megan Cox, Brian Gasidlo, Sara McCracken, and Jonathan Richardson; f) State Resolution – National School Lunch Week; and f) Bill Warrants totaling \$2,283,131.42
- Superintendent Rezmierski informed the citizens about the Michigan Association of School Administrators' Conference in Traverse City the end of September and the wonderful Kids Against Hunger presentation. He said he received positive feedback on the live demonstration at the beginning of the MASA conference where KAH volunteers bagged over 1 million food packages. Dr. Rezmierski said credit goes to Bridgepointe School for getting the idea started and to Joan Wadsworth, Diane Powers and Sue Simcox for getting information out to the principals, PTAs, faculty and students.
- Superintendent Rezmierski announced that Dr. Steve Anderson has been selected to receive the 2008 National Distinguished Principals award.
- Mr. Jim Cracraft has been selected as the 2008 Middle School Principal of the Year.
- Tentative three-year agreement was reached between the Northville Education Association and the Northville Public Schools.
- Special Services Director Lynne Mossoian stated that the Board has developed, over many years, a comprehensive understand of Cooke's school program. Cooke is recognized through Wayne County and the State of Michigan and Ms. Bachorik is here tonight to share a unique challenge that the staff faces in light of not making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). Building Supervisor Marilynn Bachorik described that MI-Access is an assessment system designed for students who are unable to take the MEAP even with accommodations. She referred to the Participation level used to assess the most severely impaired students. Ms. Bachorik described three different students SXI non-verbal in a wheelchair,

Severely Cognitively Impaired student, and an SXI non-verbal student in a wheelchair. Sadly, these students can never reach the state's achievement level. Ms. Bachorik reported that she had 12 out of 22 students who did not make achievement level. She said these students achieve at levels designed by faculty and family requirements. Ms. Bachorik feels that by the time the student reaches 17, the test jumps up in development and they, again, won't achieve the AYP status. She wanted the Board to know that she is not making excuses but just providing an explanation of how this works. Ms. Bachorik added that last year, during professional development, teachers concentrated on nothing but student achievement. They worked on making their goals/objectives more measurable and attainable. She is making no promises that achievement levels in MI-Access will skyrocket, but they are reaching 70% achievement. Ms. Bachorik reiterated that they will teach every student the objectives that are fit for the parents and staff's plan. The Board is concerned about addressing such situations with the MDE to develop appropriate assessments for special needs students.

- The Board approved the expenditure of 2004 Bond Issue Surplus Funds for certain projects dealing with Safety/Security, Energy Conservation, Educational Programs and Operations.
- The Board moved to enter into Executive Session for purposes of negotiations at 8:15 p.m.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Board Candidate Forum	10/20/08	7:00-8:30 p.m.	NHS Forum
Instructional Services	10/21/08	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Policy	10/21/08	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

Meeting adjourned 9:08 p.m.

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