

# NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2008/09

December 9, 2008

## Board of Education Meetings

01/13/09	Old Village School
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## Board of Education

Joan Wadsworth, President  
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Judith Wollack, Trustee

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at Winchester Elementary School, Northville, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 11/18/08 Regular Second Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Minutes of the 12/2/08 Special Call Meeting of the Board of Education; c) New Certified Hire: Ms. Bethanne Sawicki; d) Existing High School curricula for three classes aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum's Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts Content Guidelines: VPAA – Visual Arts: Graphic Illustration & Design; VPAA – Business: Website Development & Design; and VPAA – English: Debate; e) New course approval of the development of an Algebra II Concepts & Skills course; f) Approval of the Annual Summer Tax Resolution; and g) Bill Warrants totaling \$3,326,319.52.
- Superintendent Rezmierski spoke about the time and commitment involved when you are a member of the Board of Education. He stated that Ms. Judith Wollack decided not to run for election this year, after serving 8 1/2 years as Board Trustee. Ms. Dottie Garrity is her successor. Dr. Rezmierski said he remembers Ms. Wollack as President of Thornton Creek's PTA where she provided great leadership and service. Since then, Ms. Wollack has won two consecutive elections as Board Trustee and has done so with great distinction. He presented a gift to Ms. Wollack which was a vase that her son had made several years ago when he was a senior at Northville High School. Dr. Rezmierski thought it would be fitting to keep it in the family. He then introduced Ms. Ruth Ann Jirasek who read a tribute from Senator Nancy Cassis, State Representative Craig DeRoche and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop. Dr. Rezmierski said the legislators could not be here tonight because they are still meeting in late session in Lansing. Rep Marc Corriveau will deliver a tribute to Ms. Wollack personally. Northville Education Foundation (NEF) President Eric Barritt presented \$1,325 that has been donated on behalf of Ms. Wollack's service and dedication that will go toward teacher development funds such as the Galileo Leadership Program—a program that the district has been involved with for the past 12 years involving 23 other districts. President Joan Wadsworth thanked Judy's family for allowing her to be absent so much due to her commitment with the Northville Public Schools. She said that Ms. Wollack is a tremendous colleague who started out as PTA President at Thornton Creek. Ms. Wadsworth said she was an active member of Mothers' Club and chaired many committees such as

the All Night Seniors' Party and others.

- Ms. Wadsworth informed citizens that Ms. Wollack's profession is a social worker' and in this capacity, she has always kept students' interest at the forefront of her decisions. Ms. Wollack and her husband, Robert, own their own business—Wolverine Human Services which support the needs of children in the Detroit and surrounding areas. Ms. Wadsworth noted that Ms. Wollack brought a unique and valued perspective to her colleagues, and they all will miss her insight and sense of humor.
- Ms. Wollack thanked the Board and spoke of her amazing journey. She said she had met Ms. Wadsworth when their children were in third grade and playing soccer. Ms. Wollack was asked by the superintendent and Ms. Wadsworth if she would be interested in running for Board Trustee, and decided it was something she wanted to do. Ms. Wollack remembers learning so much during the first and subsequent years. She said serving as Board Trustee brought great value to her new position as Executive Vice President to Wolverine Human Services. She thanked Central Office Administrators, Dr. Rezmierski and her fellow Board members for all that she has learned through good and
- Superintendent Rezmierski presented a check to Ms. Marlene Kunz, Civic Concern, for \$2,020 from Northville Public Schools' staff to help the 170 families in the Northville community who need help.
- Boys' Cross Country – State Qualifiers. The Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jack Dalton, Frank Griffiths and Head Coach Chris Cronin.
- Girls' Varsity Golf – Third Place State Meet. The Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Amy Bernstein, Kelley Hill, Brianna Roberts Stephanie Sakorafis, Alicia Weber and Coach Mary Jane Ossola.
- Boys' Tennis – State Qualifier. The Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Michael Bucrek, Albert Chen, Evan Gatz, Andrew Ginnard, Michael Hagan, Stephen Irvine, Ian Jaye, Melvin Joseph, Nicholas Kalweit, Amol Kamat, Phillip Lee, Anthony Rossi, Jonathan Russell, Matthew Satterfield, Lee Schechter, Timothy Wasielewski and Coach Matt Stetson.
- Boys' Soccer – District Champions. The Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Abdul-Fatai Alashe, Abdul-Latif Alashe, Anthony Aquinto, Douglas Beason, Cameron Burdette, Brandon Cameron, Daniel Courtney, Jarrod Daul, John Donikian, Matthew Hagan, David Hammond, John Hatzis, Nathan Hrivnak, Andrew Kelleher, Robert Kruse, Matthew Lypka, Alex Marilley, Maxwell McHugh, Connor Rice, Nicholas Scabassi, Andrew Shaw, Nicholas Tacconelli, Aris Zervos, Joseph Zywiol, and Assistant coach Andy Cosenza and Head Coach Henry Klimes
- Girls' Swimming – State Qualifier. The Board presented Certificates of Appreciation to Rachel Brown, Kelly Burfofd, Samantha Curry, Leah Erlandson, Shannon Lohman, Faith Miller, Rebecca Myers, Jessica Weber and Head Coach Brian McNeff.
- The Winchester program began with the Jump Rope Club performed by the following third year club members and Teacher sponsors Heidi Haite and Angie Phillips: Katie Bederka, Emily Bowers, Anna Kwiecinski, Bobby Lubisco, Olivia McCuthceon, Claire O'Meara, Connor O'Meara, Madison Phair, Matthew Provagna, Matt Rogers, Katherine Stanley, Sydney Tiller, Troy Van Hulle, Emma Vereb-Hatley and Riley Wolter. Second graders from Mrs. Cartwright's class demonstrated "Math Talk:" Josh Anderson, Emma Bell, Fiona Berg, Nick Bogenhagen, Austin Brining, Lauren Chalker, Nicholas Couyoumjian, Emily Fetter, Ashley Garnett, Janet Lu, Makayla Olds, Ryan Reiz and Paul Tyler.
- Principal Pat Messing introduced Art Teacher Tricia Jendretzke and her student Emily Engler's art work, which will be donated to Winchester Elementary School. Students learned about artist Laurel Burch. They drew patterned cats and painted them to create a unique cat inspired by Burch. Ms. Jendretzke complimented Emily's variety of repeated lines for details and her choice of symmetrical design for the frame.
- Principal Messing then spoke about School Improvement Goals for Winchester Elementary. She acknowledged Winchester staff members and presented a short slide presentation dealing with Mission Statement and the 2008/09 School Improvement Goals. Ms. Messing shared data on K-1<sup>st</sup> writing goals and assessments, MEAP test data and their next goal dealing with Math. Ms. Messing informed the Board that although the MEAP data looks like Winchester is doing well, they noted that on the IOWA tests of basic skills for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, that math computation scores were in the 50%. They began to educate themselves on what needs to happen for them to improve. All in all, their main goals are to improve student performance in writing, improve automaticity of basic math facts, strengthen home/school connection and build a sense of community. Ms. Messing said she is proud that Winchester was awarded

- the National PTA “School of Excellence” award. This was a healthy process that helped them look at how they involve parents. She shared that Winchester has implemented strategies to incorporate opportunities so parents can support their child’s learning. She next shared Winchester’s involvement and partnership that strengthen student learning, e.g. involvement with Holbrook Elementary, Kids Against Hunger, ELL support, PTA support, Bridgepoint, Mobil, Community Financial Credit Union, Target, DARE, Civic Concern, and World in Motion/Johnson Control.
- The Board approved the following policies for reaffirmation: 2420.1 – Contracts with Employees; 2430 – Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA); and 2500 – School Attorney/Legal Services.
- The Board approved the following policies for first reading: 2420 – Administrator Conflict of Interest; 3260.2 – Distribution of School Equipment, Textbooks and Supplies; 5141.2 – Communicable Diseases spread by Bloodborne Pathogens; and 6120 – Administration of Medications at School.
- The Board approved administration to execute the 403(b) Retirement Plan document.
- The Board awarded a contract to McNulty Electric for upgrading the fire alarm systems at Old Village and Main Street Schools.
- The Board approved the wage increase for Central Office Administrators for the 2008/09-2010/11 school years.
- The Board approved the wage increase for the Superintendent for the 2008/09–2010/11 school years.
- The Board approved the wage increase for the Non-Affiliated and Exempt Positions’ for the 2008/09-2010/11 school years.
- The Board approved the two-year settlement for the Para Educators’ contract for the 2007/08 and 2008/09 school years.
- The Board approved the wage increases for the Northville Association of School Administrators (NASA) for the 2008/09-2010/11 school years.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Holiday Concert	12/10,11,13/08	7:00 p.m.	NHS Auditorium
Cooke Musical	12/10/08	10:00 a.m.	Cooke School
Board Instruct	12/16/08	7:00 p.m.	COA 302
Policy	12/16/08	8:15 p.m.	COA 302

- The Board meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.