

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2010/11

July 14, 2010

Board of Education Meetings

08/10/10	Old Village School
08/24/10	Old Village School
09/14/10	Old Village School
09/28/10	Northville High School
10/12/10	Old Village School
10/26/10	Hillside Middle School
11/09/10	Old Village School
11/16/10	Meads Mill Middle School
12/14/10	Winchester Elementary
01/11/11	Old Village School
01/25/11	Silver Springs Elementary
02/08/11	Old Village School
02/22/11	Moraine Elementary
03/08/11	Old Village School
03/22/11	Thornton Creek Elementary
04/12/11	Old Village (ECC)
04/26/11	Ridge Wood Elementary
05/10/11	Old Village School
05/24/11	Amerman Elementary
06/14/11	Old Village School (Center Program)
06/28/11	Old Village School

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 approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 6/29/10 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; b) Adopted the 2010/11 Board By-Laws; c) Approved High School graduation date (Sunday, 6/5/11) at Compuware Sports Arena, 6:00 p.m.; d) Approved Michigan Association of School Boards' Membership Dues totaling \$7,467; and e) Bill Warrants totaling \$2,300,813.17
- Superintendent stated that the meeting would not be available on cable T.V. – nobody was available to record the meeting.
- Superintendent remarked on how successful he heard the Annual 4th of July Parade went in downtown Northville.
- Approved the amendment for the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) for the purchase of diesel fuel. Approval of this amendment does not obligate NPS to participate in the diesel purchase but will make it available.
- Approval of the 2009/10 Superintendent's Evaluation – Vice President Wadsworth reviewed and explained numerous features of this process. Superintendent thanked the Board for their thoughtful process. He stated he couldn't accomplish any of this without all of the assistance from the Board, Central Office Administrators, Principals and the support from the entire district.
- Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Mr. Mike Zopf, handed out to the Board of Education and explained 'Revised 2010-11 School Aid Bill Update & Budget Impact'. He explained the following five points regarding the 'Recommended Allocation of Increased Revenue': a) Restore (8) elementary teaching positions and avoid split classes - \$497,284; b) Provision for restoring (8) additional teacher positions, pending review of class sizes and schedules - \$497,284; c) Avoid (6) of the budgeted (12) custodial staff layoffs to be effective in August (after summer cleaning) - \$377,448; d) Provision for lower enrollment (50 students) (8,064 x 50 students) - \$403,200; e) Return to General Fund Balance 8% of increased revenue - \$161,103; and f) Increased Revenue from School Aid Bill - \$1,936,320 - Trustee Roth asked Don Thomas what the timelines might be for some of these H.R. issues. Mr. Thomas will have a better idea after holding an H.R. Meeting next week; he stated that the enrollment update is not promising. The Transparency Act also needs to be in place by 7/29/10 (publish salaries and benefits). Mr. Thomas said he would like to take formal action at the August 10th Board

meeting. Mike Zopf briefly spoke about the Budget Watch Points for 2010/11 and Beyond: a) Federal ARRA Stabilization funding exhausted in 2010/11, unless renewed by President Obama's administration – State will need to replace \$184 million (about \$100/pupil) in the School Aid Fund for 2011/12; b) MPSERS contribution rate likely to be adjusted before October 1st due to the impact of the state retirement program 19.14% budgeted will be adjusted (not higher-but lower); c) Implementation of Race-to-the-Top legislation for administrators and teachers – new evaluation and compensation structure to be developed and negotiated for 2011/12 year (following expiration of current contract) – working w/EA on new evaluation form; and d) Contract negotiation for 2011/12

- ❖ Mr. Tom Boomer, Upper Elementary Teacher at Ride Wood spoke on two points. One being the split classes - he asked if it would really be worth the savings of \$400,000 to introduce split classes across the district. He said at one of the last meetings he attended he felt that the Board was against instituting split classes and was surprised to find out they were now thinking about this concept. Tom said he hopes that you can avoid split classes and bring the teachers back. Tom's second topic was 'Camp Invention'; he thanked the Board for bringing this program back. Last year we (Heather Zoldak-Ridge Wood Kindergarten Teacher) had 89 students and this year we filled the class and had a waiting list of about 15 students. Mary Kay Gallagher stated that we receive funds for holding the course and if we fill the class we receive extra dollars. We have about 60-70 students returning from last year, which speaks volumes for the program. This is a great mix of math/science. This Friday, 7/16/10 we have invited the parents and you are all invited to stop by at 2:45 p.m. and see the process of inventing. We have had great feed back. This class is only one week (five days) and we are hoping you'll consider granting us the opportunity to again host "Camp Invention" next year. Thank you again.
Trustee Roth replied to Tom Boomer that he led the charge against split classes to save \$400,000. Issues change from meeting to meeting with dollars from Lansing and enrollment, and things changed from the meeting you (Tom) were at. We received lower numbers of staff (then we expected) who signed up for the Separation Incentive Package and lower retirement numbers in general; and with no additional concessions, we have to look long and hard at what we can cut. Vice President Wadsworth stated that there are many things on the list to review for cuts and none of them are easy choices; do we take away teacher planning time; make class sizes higher; institute split classes? Our backs are up against the wall, none of these are options that the Board wants to institute.
- ❖ Ms. Rose McDougall, Elementary Foreign Language Teacher, next spoke about the communication between her colleagues and administration/board that is just not there. It is understandable that the Board must be run like a business but in the class the teachers must be very personal. We need to feel that we are appreciated. Our cuts are not being acknowledged as being enough. We need to feel the support of the Board and the administrators. Our work also extends through Kids Against Hunger with Joan Wadsworth and Galileo with Dr. Rezmierski – great programs. I invite all of you to come into our classrooms and observe first hand what we do. Amerman teacher from Room A-7 also invited all to come and observe her classroom anytime.
- ❖ Alternative Revenue Development (ARD) is an outside firm to manage and increase advertising revenue for our district. Football boosters are asking about the funding from this organization. This is a multi-district project with one attorney working with all of the districts. There will be an upcoming meeting with Superintendent Rezmierski, Mr. Mike Zopf, and Mr. Joe Holt (ARD) so that Mr. Holt can get a 'flavor' for our district.

- ❖ H.R. Director, Mr. Don Thomas, spoke of an upcoming H.R. Meeting this week – would probably be next Thursday or Friday in the morning – Conference Room 302 at Central Office. When decided there would be a posting at C.O.
- ❖ Vice President Wadsworth stated (in answer to Ms. McDougall) that the board does appreciate all of the NPS staff and their efforts – from custodial to the superintendent. Please know that you are appreciated! President Price thanked all the teachers for coming to the meetings and to please continue to attend the board's meetings.
- ❖ President Price stated that there would be no changes to the chair persons for committees. Superintendent Rezmierski stated that the next subcommittee meetings would start on 8/17/10; and the next Board of Education Meeting would be 8/10/10 at OVS.
- ❖ Superintendent Rezmierski said that this was John Street's last Board of Education Meeting. Thank you John for all of your years of excellent service to the NPS district; especially this last year which was very difficult for all of us. We thank you for all of the excellent audits we have received over the years – and your ability to move the 'beans'. Mr. Street also thanked everyone for their assistance and he didn't think he would have been at this current board meeting as he had no name plate or agenda.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Human Resources Meeting (TBD)	7/22 or 7/23 <u>will be posted</u>	a.m.	C.O. 302
Board of Education Meeting	8/10/10	7:30 p.m.	OVS
Instructional Services Subcommittee	8/17/10	6:30 p.m.	C.O. 302
Finance Subcommittee Meeting	8/17/10	7:15 p.m.	C.O. 302
Human Resources Subcommittee	8/17/10	8:00 p.m.	C.O. 302
Policy Subcommittee Meeting	8/26/10 (Thur.)	Noon	C.O. 302

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.