

# ON LINE WITH THE BOARD

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the January 14, 2009 meeting of the board of education.

1. High School Teacher Maria Durham and several students from the Leadership class presented certificates of appreciation to all members of the board in recognition of School Board Recognition Month. The board also received a copy of a letter from Governor Granholm and a certificate from MASB.
2. High School Principal Ron Reed presented information to the board on the ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted) program.
3. The consent agenda, minutes of the regular December meeting of the Board of Education and bills/reimbursement of expenses was approved.
4. The resolution for participation in the Michigan School Readiness Program was approved.
5. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
  - Personnel
    - Paddock Elementary Secretary Sheryl Feldkamp is recovering from a medical procedure.
    - Paddock Teacher Tracey Klein had a baby boy on 12/29/08. John William (Jack) 8lbs, 3oz.
    - Choir Teacher Shayla Powell received a Thank You from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra for the joint concert her middle school students took part in.
    - The district has contracted an additional Speech Pathology Teacher for the remainder of the year.
    - The 403B Plan document is nearing completion.
  - Students
    - High School Senior Megan Cary is in the top 40 for an EMU Presidential Scholarship.
    - A former FCI student Mr. Bernie, is working on a painting that he would like to give to the district as a thank you for all the support and opportunities that the adult education program gave him while he was here in Milan.
  - Educational Programming
    - A committee of teachers has been established to look into the all day Kindergarten possibility. They will be looking at budget constraints, curriculum, etc.
  - Board Issues
    - Board Member Leacher's father-in-law passed away.
    - Board Member Bushart's board seat will be expiring in June. He is considering running again in the May election.
    - Petitions for the open board seat are available in the Central Office, but must be returned to the county by 4:00 p.m., on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - The board workshop scheduled for this month is on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, instead of the 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid a conflict with a Mid Winter Conference that Superintendent Girbach will be attending.
    - Discussions at the Workshop will include Foreign Language curriculum and the district Copy Machine lease.
    - Superintendent Girbach offered to schedule individual board meetings with any member of the board if there is a need.
    - Information from Lansing on funding was shared with the board.
    - Superintendent Girbach distributed bond information to the board. i.e. Friends of School List, backpack fliers going home with students, post card mailers and Our Kids Our Future.
  - Upcoming Events
    - Professional Development Day on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Bond 2009 Community Informational Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in the Dennis McComb Performing Arts Center.
- 6. Board Member Mehringer asked if there were any lapel VOTE buttons available to help promote the upcoming Bond Election on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 7. The board went into closed session to discuss a complaint issue.
- 8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.