

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the October 12, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Paddock Teacher Molly Jeppesen gave a short introduction on the MHS German Exchange Student Program. The exchange students then introduced themselves to the board and named their host family. Ms. Karin Werthwein was also introduced and presented with a certificate of appreciation for all the years of coordination of the program. Karin is retiring in December, 2011.
3. Judy Burgio, Diane Young, Nelda Pulver, Sarah Stoddard and Andrea Melchi were presented with framed Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of National School Lunch Week.
4. The district's newly hired teachers were present at the meeting. Catherine Gordon, Kelly Olmstead, Stacy Cherry and Kristine Mahaney were asked to introduce themselves and state what building/subject they teach in the district. The board took a short break in the meeting to shake their hands and welcome them.
5. High School Teacher Tom Stahl and the officers of the FFA Program were on hand at the meeting to request approval of their overnight trip to attend the FFA Convention on October 17 – 21, 2011. The trip was approved.
6. The minutes of the 9/14/2011, 9/28/2011 and 10/5/2011 meetings were approved along with the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses.
7. The 5th Grade Washington, D.C., overnight trip on April 25 – 28, 2011 was approved.
8. Representatives from Barton Malow, Fanning Howey and Plante Moran Cresa were at the meeting to present information on Phase 2 of the Bond.
9. Phase 2B bond team recommendations for earthwork, foundations, masonry, steel, elevators, plumbing/HVAC, fire suppression and electrical were approved.
10. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Staff Issues
 - Paddock teacher Paulette Seiser's father passes away.
 - Paddock teacher Ann Babcock's mother passed away.
 - Paddock teacher Rennie Roth's father passed away.
 - Board Issues
 - The next NEOLA Meetings are scheduled for 11/2 and 11/16.
 - The WISD Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for 10/24.
 - The October Workshop meeting scheduled for 10/25 is cancelled due to the board attending the MASB Conference.
 - Budget Issues
 - The yearly audit presentation will be on the agenda for the 11/2 board meeting.
 - The November Budget Revision will be on an agenda in November or December.
 - The district Energy Management Program is approaching 5 years in existence. To date, the program has resulted in a cost avoidance of \$1,727,285. This equates to our district using approximately 1/3 less energy now that we did 5 years ago.
11. Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber reported on several curriculum issues including the Professional Development Survey from the September Professional Development days, District Accreditation, and RTI (Response to Intervention).

12. Athletic Director David Kaiser informed the board of a Sportsmanship Summit that the Huron League will be hosting at Flat Rock Community Center. He will be asking 2 students from each of our sports teams as well as two of our teachers to attend the summit. Mr. Kaiser also asked about the construction timeline for the new Soccer fields for the Spring season.
13. Board Member Billau ask for an update on the new county International Baccalaureate High School. Mr. Girbach reported that the start of the year has been smooth. Mr. Girbach offered all the members of the board a tour of the school in the near future.
14. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.