

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the May 8, 2013 regular meeting of the board of education.

1. President Bushart called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. High School teacher Karen Sterzik and members of the DECA club were recognized at the meeting for their accomplishments at the National DECA Conference in Anaheim, California.
3. Mrs. Sterzik and several of the students commented on their experience at the conference and the places they visited in California.
4. Early Childhood Director, Lisa Mellinger presented information regarding the programs. She also shared information on the grants that they have been awarded, the use of the grant money, and the program plans for next school year.
5. Paul Wills from Plante Moran CRESA was present to give a final bond presentation. He shared a slide presentation on the scope of the entire project and the budget.
6. The minutes of the regular meeting of 4/10/2013 and the workshop meeting of 4/24/2013, the payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses and the calling of the 2013/2014 Budget and Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was approved.
7. The Chartwell's Food Service Management Company contract renewal for the 2013/2014 school year was approved.
8. First reading of the WISD Budget Resolution was presented. No Action Was Required.
9. Some additional names for Adult/Community Education Graduation were approved contingent upon their completion of all requirements.
10. Board Policy 6100 - Best Practices was approved as presented.
11. The State of Michigan's Best Practices Resolution was approved as presented.
12. Section c. of the Logo resolution that was passed by the board on 4/11/2013 was amended to now read, , "The Board will form a committee of staff, students, and alumni that will develop recommendations to the Board, for a new logo and mascot. The Board's decision/selection shall be completed in time to be released during the 2013/2014 school year. The recommendation shall include usage guidelines and the justification of how the qualities associated with the logo/mascot are aligned with MAS' goals and priorities for our students and staff."
13. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Staff Issues
 - The district Leadership Team did an Internal Review of all four of our district buildings as part of the AdvancED School Improvement process. The reviews went very well and Mr. Girbach reported to the board how proud he was of the staff's involvement.
 - Review of the budget continues in preparation of staff negotiations.
 - The Paddock Elementary PTO is continuing their efforts to get a Book Mobile in place by the end of the school year. Their objective is to offer books for summer reading to the district's students to help prevent summer reading loss.
 - Assistant Superintendent Peter Kudlak reported on the following:
 - Mr. Kudlak was also a part of the Internal Review process and was very impressed with the shared leadership that all the teachers assume. He commented that the 'teachers own their data and are empowered to make significant changes.'

- A review and revamping of report cards is almost complete. In the K-5 grades the cards were aligned in a similar layout and the curriculum that they assess is vertically aligned.
- Mr. Kudlak is working with staff on the Response To Intervention (RTI) program. The plan will have one system for all four buildings. It will be electronic and sharable, so all adults working with students will have access to the student's individual plan.

14. Board Member Kiger thanked Mr. Girbach and Mr. Kudlak and all the teachers that were a part of the Internal Review Process. She was very impressed with the process and the dedication of the all the staff. Mrs. Kiger also commented that she is working with some staff and several businesses in Milan to provide books for students to read within their establishments while their parents wait for service. Putting a book in a child's hand in an unlikely place is another way of helping a student with reading loss. She is seeking book donations to help make this happen.
15. Board Member Peacock commented on the Food Service contract renewal process. He is discouraged to know that a food service company can get increases in their funding on a yearly basis, but school districts cannot.
16. Public Comments – Kristen Clark, Human Resources Director at Washtenaw Intermediate School District thanked Mr. Girbach for inviting her to attend a board meeting.
17. The board went into closed session at 8:52 p.m. as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for negotiation strategies.
18. The meeting was adjourned by President Bushart at 10:19 p.m.