

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the June 13, 2012 Budget Hearing and regular meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. President Leacher called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
3. The board approved a resolution commending the 2011/2012 Girl's Track Team for all of their team's accomplishments.
4. The board approved a resolution commending the 2011/2012 Girls' Soccer Team for all of their team's accomplishments.
5. Student board members Carter Hayes and Lauren Cook were acknowledged with Certificates of Appreciation for their service on the board this past school year.
6. Student Services Director William Brown presented information on the district's Response to Intervention program.
7. There were several individuals that addressed the board during the Public Comment section of the board agenda.
8. Approval for the minutes, payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses and the membership resolution for the Michigan High School Athletic Association was given.
9. A revision of the 2011/2012 budget was approved.
10. Approval for the 2012/2013 preliminary budget was given.
11. The General Appropriations Act for the 2012/2013 fiscal year was approved.
12. The authorization for borrowing against anticipated state aid for the 2012/2013 fiscal year was approved.
13. Approval for the purchase of Human Resources/Finance Software was given.
14. Approval for the proposed changes to the Social Studies curriculum was given and authorization for the expenditures for the supplies and materials was given.
15. Approval for the proposed changes to the Math curriculum was given and authorization for the expenditures for the supplies and materials was given.
16. Technology Director Gina Matley presented information regarding the Child Internet Protection Act and Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. The district is compliant with both Acts.
17. There were no questions or concerns from the general public present regarding the Child Internet Protection Act and Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.
18. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student News
 - The following students earned Outstanding Student Awards at their Consortium Classes
 - Miranda Joynt – Early Childhood Education
 - Lauren Kanitz – Cosmetology
 - Naomi Garnet – Health Science
 - Staff Issues
 - Mr. Girbach gave an update on the staffing issues for next year. All internal candidates that requested transfers were informed and external postings are on the website.
 - Adult Education/FCI teacher, Malissa Smith earned the Michigan State Office of Adult Education's Teacher Spotlight Award.

- Paddock Elementary teacher Holly Fitch had a baby boy – Clayton Oliver.
 - Symons Elementary teacher Tonya Saragoza had twin sons – Alex Phillip and Leo Felix.
 - Symons Elementary teacher Christin Cifaldi had a baby boy – Rocco Marcelo.
 - District staff retiring are: Paulette Seiser, Sue Perry, Kurt Karner, Jim Braunlich, Sue Kraske, Steve Robb, Tom Fahlstrom, and Bill Smith.
 - District staff resigning are: Yvette Smith, Lea Chesney, Maryanne Leadbetter, Nicole Egeler, Cindy Hasselbring, Claire Neff, Catherine Gordon, Julie Helber, Bill Brown
 - Mr. Girbach informed the board that the topic of ‘exit interviews’ for staff that are leaving the district has been brought up several times recently and he is considering having something in place in the future as part of the resignation/retirement process.
- Board Issues
 - The board was informed that the list of the Key Communicators would be ready before the beginning of the 2012/2013 school year.
 - A 2011/2012 list of district accomplishments was distributed and read by Mr. Girbach.
 - The November School Board Elections petitions are due to the County Clerk’s office by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2012. Petitions are available at the Central Office. Two seats are available for this election.
 - The district has realized \$2,019,752 in energy savings since beginning our district Energy Management Program.
 - The board was asked to continue to work on the wording of the board goals.
 - Some upcoming calendar dates were reviewed:
 - ~ June 18th – Negotiations, 8:30 – 4:00 p.m.
 - ~ June 27th – Board Workshop
 - ~ July 11th – July Regular Board meeting
 - Bond Update
 - The MCIS construction is on schedule.
19. Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber gave a short update on curriculum. She also thanked the board for the support they have given her in the 19 years she has worked in the district as a teacher, administrator and Assistant Superintendent.
 20. Board President Leacher thanked both Julie Helber and William Brown for their service to the district. He wished both of the well in their new positions in other districts.
 21. A Milan resident commented that he was disappointed in the board’s recent decision to eliminate the Native American imagery as the districts mascot. He questioned why the general public from the Milan area was not approached for their opinions.
 22. The board entered into closed session for a Student Discipline/Reinstatement Hearing at 9:00 p.m.
 23. The board returned to open session at 9:47 p.m.
 24. The board voted to conditionally reinstate student 2010-2011-1 into 8th grade for the 2012/2013 school year.
 25. To board voted to enter into closed session for negotiation strategies at 9:49 p.m.
 26. To board returned to open session at 10:43 p.m.
 27. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m.