

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the September 14, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Director of Operations, Richard Zornow accepted a Safety Award from SET SEG Insurance Co. for the districts continued efforts to keep our buildings and grounds safe.
3. The board recognized Wendy Wiley and Blanche Mack from the Carpenter Rd., Meijer's Store for their recent contribution of school supplies that they donated to all the students at Paddock Elementary. Paddock teacher Molly Jeppesen was also recognized for her continuing efforts as a contact person with the Meijer Corp. and the donations she is able to secure for Paddock.
4. Symons Elementary teacher Stephanie Moore gave a slide presentation on the recent Summer Transitions Program. The program helped designated students with reading and math for a two week period prior to school starting that will help them make the transition from 2nd grade at Paddock to the 3rd grade at Symons.
5. The minutes to all of the August board meetings were approved along with payment for bills/reimbursement of expenses.
6. Eric Peterson from Peterson Public Sector Consulting presented information on his recent interview survey he conducted with all the building Administrators, Supervisors and Central Office staff. The survey was done to help give the district some short and long range planning suggestions for staffing needs.
7. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Staff Issues
 - Symons teacher Amy Hertler had a baby girl, Allie Grace on September 8th. 7lbs, 8 oz., 21.5 “
 - Final interviews for the Central Office Data Position were today.
 - Student Issues
 - Pupil Count is down approximately 66 students from February count to now.
 - The Homecoming Parade and Football game is scheduled for September 30th.
 - Board Issues
 - The next NEOLA Meeting is scheduled for 9/29/2011 and 10/5/2011, to finish the 9000 and start the 8000 policies.
 - Bond Issues
 - The construction on the football concessions is going well.
 - September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. is the Gary Kohler Memorial Dedication.
 - Bids for the new high school addition are due by September 29th.
 - First round contracts for the new high school addition will be approved at the October 12th meeting.
 - The estimated date for the opening of the new bus garage is January 2012.
 - Site work for the new Soccer Fields will be starting soon.
 - Community Issues
 - Superintendent Girbach recently attended the Drugs 101 Program. It was a superb program but attendance was very small.
8. Board Member Janice Kiger thanked the high school administrators for the time they spent with parents at the recent Open House.

9. Board Member Russ Billau asked the high school and middle school administrators if the shift from block Scheduling to periods were going smoothly.
10. Board President John Leacher made positive comments regarding the great performance on the recent girls high school swim meet. They beat a long time conference rival for the first time in many years.
11. Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber gave an update on several curriculum issues that she and the district Curriculum Council staff members are working on.
12. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.