

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: President Pitsenbarger, Vice President Monit, Treasurer Becher and Trustees Gabriel, Turner and Walker.

President Pitsenbarger read the following statement:

As a point of information, please be reminded that on Friday, October 17, 2008 the District and the Wayne-Westland Education Association entered into an agreement with the assistance of Administrative Law Judge Doyle O'Connor, not to make any further public comments about negotiations until the fact finder issues his report. The District and the Association will continue to bargain in good faith toward a new contract.

Based on this agreement, the Board can not accept public comments about negotiations until both parties have received the fact finder's report and has had a reasonable and adequate opportunity to bargain with the Association about the implications of that report. Such comments will be ruled out of order.

The District and the Union both believe this restriction will permit all concerned to get back to business as usual. Most importantly, the District and the Association both believe this is in the best interest of our students. We trust you will respect and abide by this restriction.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Presentation: I-SAVE Energy Conservation Program - Martin
Recognition: I-SAVE Poster Contest Winners – Martin
- b. Recognition: Oakland University National Athletic Letter of Intent – Ingham
Brittany Holbrook, John Glenn High School Senior
- c. Recognition: Board of Education Members - Baracy

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: December 8, 2008
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes: January 6, 2009

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Placement/Non-Instructional Personnel
- b. Termination/Instructional Hourly Personnel
- c. Resignation/Non-Instructional Personnel
- d. Non-Affiliated New Hires/Terminations (informational)

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices
- b. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Mr. & Mrs. Allen Stacho: Easy Stand Magician and Pony Walker
- b. Ms. Elizabeth Kraudelt: Little Tyke Kitchen Set
- c. Mrs. Susan Kosikowski: Gait Trainer and Wheel Chair
- d. Individual Donors for the Family Resource Center's Holiday Assistance Fund
- e. Mr. Kevin Wood (Worthington Steel): 545 Pounds of Steel
- f. Ms. Camilla White: 1994 Mercury Four Door
- g. Mr. James Rhoades: Heat Ducts, Motors, etc.
- h. Mr. James A. Rhoades: CADD/CAMM Books
- i. Grant & Sara Allen: Strollers and Walkers
- j. Mr. John Tenneham: Electric Bed and Electric Wheel Chair
- k. Ms. Lori Nelson: Subscription for Popular Mechanics
- l. Ms. Georgia Beneicke: Rocker
- m. Ms. Amy Liebau: Variety of Baby and Toddler Items
- n. Mrs. Connie Bleyaert: Technics Electronic Musical Keyboard and Stand
- o. Leonard & Debra Koelzer: (2) Four Drawer Filing Cabinets
- p. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Winters: Rehab Partners Adapted Bicycle

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Approval of F08/09 General Fund Operating Budget Amendment: January 2009
- b. Approval of Adoption and Purchase of Elementary Social Studies Textbooks
- c. Approval of Adoption and Purchase of Secondary Social Studies Textbooks

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

Stated that at the December Board Meeting a parent brought forth a science book which did not have a cover on it; was in bad shape and appeared to be outdated. The parent questioned why this was being used. He asked the parent to meet with Aggie Kubrak, Senior Executive Director of Instruction, to share the book with her and the details on its usage. Dr. Baracy thanked Mrs. Miller for bringing this to our attention.

After investigating this situation, it was found that the textbook in question was outdated and was not an approved textbook for our current science curriculum. The Board adopted a research based science kit program several years ago which is very hands on; incorporates critical thinking skills into the curriculum; and meets all of the State standards and benchmarks. The textbook brought to the Board Meeting was not part of this approved curriculum.

Dr. Baracy concluded by stating that we have put a stop to the usage of this textbook and the situation has been corrected. We will continue to use the high level science kits approved by our Board that are currently in our classrooms.

He also congratulated all of our students and staff who have done such a great job with the holiday programs - we have so many talented students in our district; extended congratulations to our I-SAVE poster winners who did a wonderful job with their creativity and talent; and complimented the Career-Technical Center Graphic Design and Desktop Publishing students who also designed energy conservation posters.

In conclusion, Dr. Baracy thanked the Board of Education for their total commitment to our students and their focus on education to move it forward during these challenging times.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Pitsenbarger

Finance: Treasurer Becher reported that the committee met on January 7, 2009. The following agenda items were discussed: F08/09 Budget Amendment; Revised Historical Trend and Five Year Financial Forecast; Wayne-Westland Pupil Count Trend Analysis; School Building Pupil Count Trend Analysis; Discretionary Spending Review; Bargaining Group Contract Status Review; Galileo Program – Learning Leaders; Food Service Administration Bid; Current Economic Situation Impact on Tax Collections, Garnishments, etc., and Act 18 Update.

Instruction: Trustee Gabriel reported that the committee met on January 6, 2009 and the following items were discussed: reviewed the elementary and secondary social studies textbooks recommended for purchase; a new Emergency Medical Technician class to be piloted at the Career Center next year; mathematics credits to be offered by the Career Center as part of their block classes; a proposal to move the current 7th Grade Keyboarding class to 6th grade; and the Galileo Leadership Academy which the district has been accepted to participate in.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL

Public discussion began at 8:33 p.m. and ended at 8:38 p.m.

M. Lewis: Reading First Facilitator assigned to our district who shared the following compliments on her first impressions of Wayne-Westland Community Schools: she was impressed with the quality of our buildings and their warm and friendly environment; we are such a progressive district; our instruction accommodates technology at all levels; our administrators are involved instructional leaders; teachers are working hard to provide quality instruction and refine their practices in literacy; we are a materials “rich” district and there is no shortage of literacy materials. She concluded by thanking the Board for the opportunity to assist our district in moving forward with our instructional goals.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Pitsenbarger

E. Turner: Thanked Alexis for leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening; announced that he attended numerous holiday programs last month and was impressed with the talent of our students who just love to entertain; and reminded the audience that a week from Friday is the Dyer Senior Center’s first Spaghetti Dinner of the new year – all-you-can-eat for \$6.00.

B. Gabriel: Congratulated everybody who appeared and presented at the Board Meeting this evening; announced that although he still feels new to the job, every committee meeting and class he attends he continues to learn new things; he is looking forward to the next few months; reinforced that we all need to work together as a community with everyone “pitching in” since we will be facing economic challenges on many different levels in our lives; and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

S. Walker: Congratulated the I-SAVE poster winners and Brittany Holbrook; and highlighted the following events at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center: before the holidays the Center sponsored a successful Mom-to-Mom Sale which was wonderful and a program entitled “My Brothers Keeper” will be taking place on January 20th from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Center where students between the ages of 10-18 adopt a Headstart child and help them learn.

S. Becher: Congratulated Brittany Holbrook and complimented her on what a tremendous volleyball and basketball player she is and stressed the importance of the athletic programs in our district; also commended Brittany for the super job she did as a student speaker at the dedication ceremony for the John Glenn gymnasium addition; and complimented Mayor Haidous on the excellent job he does serving the members of our community and the City of Wayne for the good job they do in keeping the roads clear during inclement weather.

S. Monit: Commended Mayor Haidous for being a great American and a great friend; congratulated Brittany Holbrook for being a wonderful person and stated that we are all proud of her accomplishments; commented that the financial restrictions to operate this school district are many and that is why he likes the I-SAVE Program; and he sees many areas of savings that we can eventually incorporate into this program.

M. Pitsenbarger: Stated that she is proud of Mayor Haidous who is such a nice man and very dedicated to the community; commented that she is impressed with Brittany Holbrook's accomplishments especially the speech she gave at the dedication ceremony for John Glenn's gymnasium; she wished her the best in all of her future endeavors; thanked the efforts of the I-SAVE Program and feels that there is a high need to conserve energy and that more people are interested in doing so; and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 8:50 p.m.

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