

Wayne-Westland Community Schools  
Westland, Michigan 48185  
April 14, 2008  
Regular Board Meeting/7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: President Monit, Vice President Schofield, Secretary Pitsenbarger, Treasurer Becher and Trustees McClain, Turner and Weaver.

#### RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: Lawrence Technological University Robofest 2008 Winners - Kowalski  
First Place Senior Games: William D. Ford Career-Technical Center – ROBO TECH  
First Place Junior Games: Stevenson Middle School – ROBO SAINTS
- b. Recognition: Oakwood Lincoln/Jefferson-Barns Healthcare Center: “Ten Year Celebration of Service to the Community” – Sherman

#### CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2008
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes: March 19, 2008

##### HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignation/Instructional Personnel
- b. Request for Return from Leave of Absence/Non-Instructional Personnel
- c. Placement/Hourly Instructional Personnel
- d. Termination/Non-Instructional Personnel
- e. Placement/Non-Instructional Personnel
- f. Request for Leave of Absence/Non-Instructional Personnel
- g. Resignation/Non-Instructional Personnel
- h. Non-Affiliated New Hires/Terminations (informational)
- i. Cabinet Contract Approvals and Extensions

##### BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Purchase of Elementary Instructional Materials: K-5 Consumable Student Practice Books for the Houghton-Mifflin Reading Series and K-5 Consumable Everyday Math Journals and Replacement Teacher Materials for the University of Chicago’s Everyday Mathematics Program
- b. Renewal of a Lease Agreement with ECA for Refurbishing of Elementary Science Kits
- c. Payment of Invoices
- d. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Ms. Judith Sheko: 1993 Ford Aerostar
- b. Ms. Kathy Sheldon: 1992 Oldsmobile
- c. Dr. Susan Landeryou: (6) VCR's; (2) Video Rewinders; (11) New Tapes; Cables; Microwave

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Appointment of Angela E. Black to the position of Supervisor of Business/Purchasing
- b. Approval of the Adoption and Purchase of the following textbooks:
  - Elementary Science Textbooks for Grades K-5
  - Elementary Social Studies Textbooks for Grade 4
  - High School Social Studies Textbooks and Supplementary Materials for Grade 9 Civics and Grade 9 Economics
- c. Adoption of the Resolution Recognizing April as the Month of the Young Child
- d. Approval of the Report on the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy thanked the Board of Education for their support and confidence in him as Superintendent and for the opportunity to serve the community and students of this district. He stated that he was grateful for the support of his Cabinet members and administrative team both at Central Office and out in the individual buildings for their shared enthusiasm for doing what's right for children.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Monit

Instruction Committee: Vice President Schofield reported that the committee met on April 2, 2008 and the following agenda items were discussed: Adoption and Purchase of New Elementary Social Studies Textbooks for Grade 4; Elementary Science Textbooks for Grade K-5; High School Social Studies Textbooks and Supplementary Materials for Grade 9 Civics and Grade 9 Economics; Proposed Summer School Pilot for High School Credit Recovery; and Reviewed Student Attendance Issues Relating to the Michigan Merit Exam.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger

Concerned Parent: Questioned if 6<sup>th</sup> grade sports will be cancelled at Marshall Middle School for the next school year. Dr. Baracy gave his assurance that there will be 6<sup>th</sup> grade Intramural sports at Marshall and competitive sports within the district at all of the middle schools next year along with a separate 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade component. The district has just recently joined a new athletic association called Liv-Oak Middle School Conference.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Monit

F. Weaver: No comments.

S. Becher: Commented that the Annual Realtor's Luncheon was excellent, and we received positive reviews from the realtors who were in attendance; Chef Tony and his students out did themselves on the luncheon and the service; stated that John Glenn's musical this past weekend was phenomenal; and announced that Wayne Memorial High School's play is this weekend.

C. Schofield: Announced that Wayne Memorial High School's play is this weekend; commented that in Walker-Winter's Elementary School Newsletter there was an article on the recycling committee that was just started by students; they came up with a way to reduce the amount of styrofoam being used by cutting the breakfast trays in half; and she recognized these students for their innovative idea.

M. Pitsenbarger: Stated that the Annual Realtor's Luncheon was wonderful and very impressive; is very pleased that our district image has improved over the last ten years; wished the students from both the

Career-Technical Center and Stevenson Middle School good luck in the upcoming robotic national competitions; and commented that she was grateful for the partnership with Oakwood Hospital and their dedication to the students of this community.

T. McClain: Stated that the MEAP scores were released this week and the community needs to be aware that we are doing extremely well compared to the rest of the county and other school districts throughout the state; stated that the Board was able to approve the purchase of the new textbooks this evening because we have the money due to the leadership of Dr. Baracy; and announced that he had the privilege of going to Pearl Harbor recently and wanted to encourage our teachers to remind students of the history on the loss of lives that were given so our children could have a better quality of life; and how much we need to impress among our students that they need to continue to progress as a nation and move forward.

E. Turner: Stated that there are a lot of men and women serving our country in the armed forces fighting for all of us and they deserve our continued support; the Dyer Senior Citizens have been collecting items and sending care packages to our service men and women on a regular basis; thanked Sabrina for leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening; congratulated the ROBO TECH and ROBO SAINT students for doing a great job in their competitions; announced that John Glenn High School's play, "Disney's High School Musical" set two new records: (1) all four performances were sold out before opening night and (2) there were 40 students in the cast and 30 students in the stage crew making it the largest student production ever; and commented that Wayne Memorial High School's "Suessical" musical this weekend will be a "crowd pleaser" as well.

S. Monit: Echoed the comments of his fellow Board Members; enjoyed John Glenn High School's musical this past weekend and everyone should be equally impressed with Wayne Memorial's High School musical this upcoming weekend.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 8:33 p.m.

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