

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
April 27, 2009
Regular Board Meeting/7:02 p.m.

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: State High School Athletic Team Finals – Albrecht

Boys Bowling – John Glenn High School
Girls Bowling – John Glenn High School
Boys Bowling – Wayne Memorial High School
Wrestling – John Glenn High School
- b. Recognition: Board of Education Member – Baracy

Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D.
- c. Presentation: ParentConnection – Galbraith

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2009
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2009
- c. Closed Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2009

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Termination/Non-Instructional Personnel
- b. Resignation/Administrative Personnel
- c. Resignation/Instructional Personnel
- d. Request for Leave of Absence/Non-Instructional Personnel
- e. Resignation/Non-Instructional Personnel
- f. Placement/Non-Instructional Personnel
- g. Non-Affiliated New Hires/Terminations (informational)

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Recommendation to Purchase Elementary Mathematics Materials
- b. Recommendation to Renew ECA Elementary Science Kits Service Agreement
- c. Recommendation to Purchase Summer School Kits
- d. Recommendation to Purchase Professional Development Materials
- e. Payment of Invoices
- f. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Mr. and Mrs. John Chouinard: Standing Danny System
- b. Mr. Mark Yeager: (20) 3-Ring Binders
- c. Mr. Paul LaFortune: 1989 Chrysler LeBaron

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Approval of the Resolution to Adopt Post-Construction Storm Water Controls
- b. Approval of the Report on the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Extension
- c. Approval of the W-WESA (Wayne-Westland Educational Secretaries Association) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2012)
- c. Approval of Cabinet Members Contract Renewal
- d. Adoption of the Resolution for WayneRESA's Designation of an Electoral Representative for the June 1, 2009 Biennial Election
- e. Adoption of the Resolution Designating April as the Month of the Young Child

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

He was pleased to announce that two programs in our district have been chosen as the 2009 Education Excellence Award winners by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). They are "Freaky Friday" and "Tech-n-More". Freaky Friday is a program where parents of 6th graders visit their child's middle school and follow the student through their daily schedule. It allows them to get a "snapshot" of their day. This program was started at Marshall; expanded to Stevenson; and is a state model. Tech-n-More is a teacher training program to support what is going on in the classroom with professional development by our Technology Department.

Dr. Baracy personally congratulated Shawna Walker for earning both the Certified Board Member Award and the Award of Merit by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). She was honored last week by MASB at their Annual Dinner Reception for her hard work in seeking and receiving credits for over 70 hours of instruction during her first year serving as a Board Member.

He congratulated all of our students and coaches in attendance this evening for their outstanding performances and accomplishments in their respective athletic areas and for being state-wide leaders in their events. Dr. Baracy commended the students for the commitment and passion they have shown in each of the sporting events and thanked the parents and coaches for all of their support.

Dr. Baracy stated that we currently have over half of our parents registered to use the ParentConnection system. There is no better way for a parent to communicate with the school to see where their student is than through this system. It is a quick way to get a "snapshot" of their child's grades, attendance, classroom assignments, the food they purchase for lunch, etc. He also encouraged those parents who have not registered for ParentConnection to do so right away to take advantage of this great program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Pitsenbarger

There were no committee reports.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Pitsenbarger

E. Turner: Commented that Madison's SPARK Day was a huge success; thanked Dr. Baracy, Gary Martin and Char Sherman for setting an example of leadership by taking a salary freeze in their contracts; and extended an invitation to his fellow Board Members to attend Madison's TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

W. Gabriel: Thanked Dr. Baracy, Gary Martin and Char Sherman for their service, hard work and dedication; stated that he was proud to have them as part of our team; congratulated the bowling and wrestling teams for their accomplishments; reminded everyone to come out and vote in the School Board election on May 3, 2009; and read a brief statement on the roles of Board of Education Members.

C. Schofield: Congratulated the bowling and wrestling teams in attendance this evening and stated that she was impressed with their dedication to their sport; encouraged the seniors to be safe in the month of May and to “use their heads” when making decisions; congratulated Shawna Walker for earning the MASB Awards and stated that it is phenomenal to be on the Board since the fall and already complete the requirements for these two awards.

S. Walker: Thanked everyone for their support; thanked Dr. Baracy and Skip Monit for coming out to support her at last week’s MASB Recognition Dinner and also her husband and mother; congratulated the bowling and wrestling teams on their accomplishments; and noted that all Board Members received a copy of the March/2009 Head Start monthly report this evening for their review.

S. Becher: Announced and commented on the following events that he attended this past week: John Glenn High School’s Reality Store sponsored by the Wayne Business and Professional Women (BPW) was a neat experience; the annual Realtor’s Luncheon was a success; Hoover Elementary School’s Arbor Day which featured the students planting a tree was a wonderful experience; Madison’s SPARK Day; the Senior Citizens’ spaghetti dinner was great; stated that last Friday night he attended the Wayne Rotary’s fundraising event with proceeds being used toward scholarships for students whose families could not afford to send them to college; commented that being a Board Member is not a once month obligation; he personally attended 94 school events, activities, meetings, etc. last year alone; Ed Turner attended well over 200, and so do each of the other Board Members attend countless district events; he stated we are very fortunate in Wayne-Westland that we have not had to cut programs or lay off staff yet; and we are lucky to have Dr. Baracy as our Superintendent.

S. Monit: Commented that ParentConnection is a great program; congratulated the bowling and wrestling teams on their outstanding year; he was privileged and honored to be at the MASB Awards Dinner to support his fellow Board Member, Shawna Walker and personally congratulated her for her dedication and commitment; announced that he participated in Hamilton’s March is Reading Month activity and thoroughly enjoyed it; he attended Hoover’s Arbor Day tree planting presentation which highlighted the benefits of the Rouge and showcased the partnership the district has with the City of Wayne; and congratulated Dr. Baracy and thanked him for his leadership and dedication to the district.

M. Pitsenbarger: Congratulated the bowling and wrestling teams; stated that she was privileged to give Fred Weaver the recognition plaque and honor him for his years of service to the district; congratulated Dr. Baracy on his evaluation; and announced that the Board did not ask him or Gary Martin or Char Sherman to take a salary freeze – it was strictly voluntary; and thanked them for the job they do.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 8:32 p.m.

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