

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: Board of Education Member - Monit
- b. Recognition: Board of Education President - Baracy

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2008

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Purchase of HP Laser Jet Printers
- b. Payment of Invoices
- c. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Mrs. Donna Balmes: Draper Projector with a Nine Foot Drop Down Screen

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

- a. Crestwood School District
- b. Dearborn Heights School District #7

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Approval of Non-Renewal of (2) Instructional Contracts
- b. Approval of the F07/08 June, 2008 Final Budget Amendment
- c. Approval of the Closing of the 2008-2009 Budget Hearing including Discussion on the Proposed Property Tax Millage Rate
- d. Approval of the 2008-2009 Tax Levy
- e. Approval of the 2008-2009 General Appropriations Budget
- f. Approval of the Food Services Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2008-2009 School Year
- g. Approval of the following Board Policy Revisions:  
#3900 – Surplus Books, Equipment and Supplies  
#7630-4 – Graduation Requirements

- #8060 – Testing Out
- h. Approval of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Membership Resolution for the 2008-2009 School Year

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy**

Dr. Baracy stated that the last couple of weeks have been a “whirl wind” with honors convocations, graduation ceremonies and end of the year activities. He commented that it is refreshing to see so many positive things going on in the district as well as so many student success stories and the wide array of accomplishments among our students. Our graduating seniors from John Glenn High School earned over \$1.5 million in scholarships and Wayne Memorial High School seniors earned over \$2.5 million in scholarships. Dr. Baracy congratulated all of our graduates and stated that he is very proud of each and every one of them.

On another note, Dr. Baracy expressed his grave concern over Michigan's continuing budget crisis. He stated that as a district we have “hit the wall”. We are being open and transparent on our financial situation. The district has already reduced costs and implemented containment measures but this will not be enough. We will have to borrow money this summer to cover cash flow and will certainly have to borrow money next year. Dr. Baracy stated that we as a district have asked our legislators for help for the last several years to no avail. The district continues to receive unfunded mandates on a regular basis from the State. He encouraged all parents, staff and community members to write their legislators and demand that they fund education equitably. They have to keep their promise to fund education. They have to start talking about the economy, future jobs, funding, and education to get the State of Michigan back on track. The time is now, we can no longer wait.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Monit**

Finance: Treasurer Becher reported that the committee met on May 28, 2008 and the following agenda items were discussed: F07/08 Budget Amendment; F08/09 Tax Levy; F08/09 Budget; Five Year Budget Projection; F08/09 Food Service Pricing; Beacon – Southgate Lease; Facility Use Rates; Cell Phone Towers at Adams and Stevenson; Year End Audit Plans; Update on a Potential Bond Project; and Negotiations Update.

Human Resources: Vice President Schofield reported that the committee met on June 3, 2008 and the following items were discussed: Personnel Issues; Budget Update; and Negotiations Update.

Policy: Trustee McClain reported that the committee met on May 21, 2008. The following items were discussed: Review of recommended changes to Board Policies #3900 – Surplus Books, Equipment and Supplies; #7630 – Graduation Requirements; and #8060 – Testing Out; and the possibility of adding future language to a Board policy that more clearly outlines the expectations that School Board Members attend school functions as well as Board meetings.

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger**

N. Strachan: President of the MEA representing 900 teachers from 41 years seniority to new hires. She thanked the Board Members for the countless number of hours they spend locally and at the state level on education; expressed a fond farewell to Terrance McClain – you will be missed; and stated that the members of the W-WEA union stand united behind the bargaining committee during negotiations.

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Monit**

T. McClain: Thanked the Board Members for the plaque and recognition this evening and the opportunity to work with everyone on the Board for the last four years; expressed his highest regard for Dr. Baracy complimenting him on being one of the best superintendent's if not the best in the state; thanked Dr. Baracy's cabinet members and administrative assistants for the outstanding job they do; thanked all of the teachers for the countless tasks they fulfill; informed Mr. Bill Gabriel that he will be working with some of the best people; and concluded his comments by reading a poem that is one of his personal favorites.

F. Weaver: Commented that the honors ceremonies, adult graduation and the high school graduation ceremonies were incredible; welcomed Mr. Gabriel to the Board; and thanked Mr. McClain for his time on the Board.

S. Becher: Reported that the reauthorization of Head Start by congress requires programs to demonstrate that children make progress on specific learning outcomes which are measured through test data submitted three times a year in December, March and June. Board Members received a summary packet of this test data and outcomes that were completed in March. Gains were made in all content areas from a low of 36.3% to a high of 64.9%. These scores will be even higher in June. The Head Start program is always fully funded; fully staffed and filled with a waiting list.

Treasurer Becher also commented on the following: he enjoyed the last couple of weeks with graduation and honors ceremonies; noted that 40 teachers have retired this year; expressed that he will miss Terrance McClain; he has enjoyed working with him the last four years, and stated that he has represented us well at the local, state and national levels. Congratulations!

C. Schofield: Stated that June is a bittersweet month for her; graduations were wonderful but her youngest son graduated and will be moving to Texas; expressed to Terrance McClain that he has been wonderful to work with; he has always brought his own perspective to the Board that we needed; he is a man that has stayed true to himself; she is looking forward to him receiving his doctorate; and she wished him the best of luck in the future – you will be missed!

M. Pitsenbarger: Announced that this is the best time of year to be sitting on the Board; wished Terrance McClain the very best; last week was very busy with honor and graduation ceremonies; it is always wonderful to see so many proud parents and students; and stated that she is looking forward to working with Bill Gabriel.

E. Turner: Thanked Terrance McClain for being the kind of man that he is; welcomed Bill Gabriel to the Board; he is looking forward to working with him; asked Paul Salah, Principal of Marshall Middle School to say a few words about a remarkable student, Andrew Roberts.

Mr. Paul Salah commended Andrew Roberts for being a top notch scholar at Marshall Middle School. He has received Marshall's Academic Excellence Award and in addition earned 11 A+ grades. He also was presented and earned Marshall Middle School's Exemplary Award at the honors ceremonies this past week.

Mr. Turner concluded his comments by stating that he is very proud of all of the students and the district in general, and it is great to be a School Board Member.

S. Monit: Commented that he attended the Career-Technical Center's Construction Open House for the first time, and he was very impressed with the expert workmanship; stated that he had the opportunity to attend the honor ceremonies and graduations this past week which were rewarding experiences for everyone; and wished Terrance McClain good luck.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Approximately 8:38 p.m.

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