

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. ELA Service Learning Project: Wayne Memorial High School – Orr
- b. Office Max “A Day Made Better” Contest Winner – Mytych
Connie Leaym, Teacher Consultant – Walker-Winter Elementary School
- c. Recognition: Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting Awards – Martin

President Monit introduced Representative Richard LeBlanc who gave the following update on the School Aid Act that was signed by Governor Granholm at 5:00 p.m. today. Currently there is 21% less revenue at the state level which has a direct impact on municipalities and school districts. The budget was signed by the governor with multi-millions of dollars of vetoes based on the governor’s discretion. Categorical monies survived the governor’s veto as well as the Wayne-Westland language which equates to \$6.5 million dollars. This is due to the combined lobbying efforts of Senator Anderson, Representative LeBlanc, Representative Corriveau and David Ladd from Kelley-Cawthorne, Governmental Affairs Counselors. The bad news is that the district will lose \$2.2 million dollars in foundation money which equates to \$165 per student. It is also very likely that another pro-ration or cut will soon be forthcoming for the 2009/2010 school year. In addition, funds that paid for mandated school bus inspections from the State Police budget are no longer available.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2009
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2009
- c. Special Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2009

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Recommendation to Renew School Licensing Agreement
- b. Payment of Invoices
- c. Investment Report

DONATIONS:

- a. Mr. Mark Yeager: 150+ 3-Ring Binders
- b. Dollar Tree: Stuffed Animals and Assorted Small Toys
- c. JCIM: Backpacks

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

- a. Garden City Alternative Education

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Approval of the 2008-2009 Audit Report Presentation by Plante & Moran
- b. Approval of the Water Main Easement Agreement for John Glenn High School
- c. Human Resource Items:
 - Approval of the B.O.S.S. (Brotherhood of Specialized Skills) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012)
 - Approval of the W.W.A.P. (Wayne-Westland Association of Paraprofessionals) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012)
 - Approval of Contract(s)/Instructional Personnel
- d. Approval of the 2008-2009 Annual Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

He thanked Paul Salah for reporting on the district's Annual Report publication as required by PA 25 and for highlighting the numerous achievements of our students showcasing our educational excellence. The report is very informative and comprehensive.

Dr. Baracy thanked the members of the 21st Century Schools Committee for all of their hard work and the time that they have put into researching, attending meetings and visiting other school districts to obtain information while keeping the best interests of students as their first priority. He provided the following 21st Century Schools update: on Tuesday, October 13th, the committee at-large met and shared each of their individual team reports (Instruction, Finance & Human Resources, Facilities, Enrollment and Communication); flyers and posters have been displayed in all of our schools indicating that "Change is Coming"; handouts have been shared with information from the individual teams; all of the agendas and meeting minutes are available on the district's website at wwcsd.net (*click on the 21st Century Schools logo*); a Q & A sheet will be sent home with students on Friday of this week; the individual teams are exploring a new grade configuration of K-4; 5-6; 7-8 and 9-12 which involves an analysis of maintenance plans and building capacities. Dr. Baracy once again thanked all of the individuals for their hard work and stated that "Michigan's budget is in a crisis, and there is no light at the end of the tunnel". We no longer have the luxury of operating buildings at 50% capacity. Our goals are to restructure and become more financially prudent; become a better school district and become more efficient while maintaining and improving our academic excellence.

He announced that on Saturday, October 24, 2009, the Michigan Association of School Boards will be recognizing the district's "Freaky Friday" program as one of the Best in the State of Michigan at their annual conference.

Dr. Baracy stated that the School Aid Act was signed today by the governor and it is “bittersweet”. There is a \$165 per pupil cut which equates to approximately a loss of \$2.2 million per year. This figure could also be pro-rated or cut again by another \$165 per pupil in the near future. Our Wayne-Westland language remained intact. This just reinforces how important the work of the 21st Century Schools Committee is and the need for it. While change can be emotional, it has to be done.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Monit

Finance: Treasurer Walker reported that the committee met on October 12, 2009 and discussion took place on the following topics: State Aid Update; F08/09 Financial Results; Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; Financial Historical Trend and Five Year Forecast; Results of the F08/09 Plante & Moran Audits; Shrinking Tax Base and Cash Flow Issues; Financial Reporting Excellence Awards; October 19, 2009 Board Presentation of Financial Results; Negotiations Update; Capital Projects Review; Non-Homestead Operating Millage and Sinking Fund; Food Service Cash Handling; Line of Credit Update; and Worker’s Compensation Update.

Human Resources: Vice President Schofield reported that the committee met on October 12, 2009 and the following agenda items were discussed: Staffing; Update on Negotiations; Board Policy Related Issues; 21st Century Schools Update; Worker’s Compensation Review and Budget – School Aid.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger

M. Offerman: Thanked the Board for approving the W.W.A.P. contract this evening and stated that the majority of the union members are members of this district and the surrounding communities the district serves. Their membership is proud to work in the district and provide quality instructional assistance to the students.

G. Maxwell: Inquired if the grass Wildwood Elementary School’s soccer field could be cut shorter for their after school league.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Monit

C. Middel: Congratulated the teachers who were newly hired; thanked those individuals who have donated items to the district – it is greatly appreciated; congratulated all of the presenters this evening for their programs and the expertise they bring to the district; announced that she had a good time at both of the high schools Homecoming football games and dances; stated that “Coffee with the Principal” at Marshall Middle School was extremely well attended; she attended last night’s NAACP annual dinner and felt the guest speaker’s topic on the youth of America today and the impact parents have was insightful; and announced that all Board Members received a copy of the September/2009 Head Start monthly report this evening for their review.

W. Gabriel: Thanked Paul Salah for his presentation on the Annual Report; stated that he was impressed with the students, the creativity of the staff, and the support by administration of the ELA program at Wayne Memorial High School; thanked both of the union groups for their hard work and “give-and-take” during the negotiating process; thanked Mr. Martin and his team for being recognized by the ASBO and GFOA for their comprehensive annual financial reporting and receiving these awards for the 10th year in a row; and stated that he is looking forward to attending the MASB annual conference this weekend and seeing our district receive the Michigan’s Best Award for the “Freaky Friday” program.

M. Pitsenbarger: Thanked Representative LeBlanc for all of his support in Lansing regarding the State Aid Bill and the Wayne-Westland language; thanked Paul Salah for his enlightening presentation on the Annual Report; and commented that she was impressed with the ELA Community Project – to give to those who are less fortunate than us is wonderful!

J. Goci: Acknowledged Gary Martin for the fine job he and his team do in managing the district’s finances; complimented the PTA/PTO members who are involved in their children’s education; this should be the #1 priority to get parents involved; stated that service to the community is very important and is something that he personally believes in; he also stated that he believes that this should be a required part of the curriculum throughout the State of Michigan; and thanked Principal Curry and her staff for helping out the family of student Alyssa Jennings who lost her fight against cancer.

S. Walker: Congratulated the students for their innovative and creative ideas they developed for the ELA Service Learning Project; congratulated and thanked Connie Leaym on her recognition; complimented Paul Salah on his excellent presentation of the Annual Report; thanked Representative LeBlanc for coming to the Board meeting tonight and providing an update on the State Aid Act and what is going on in Lansing; and stated that she enjoyed attending both of the homecoming parades.

C. Schofield: Announced that last week Wayne Memorial High School held their second annual Wayne Pride Night which featured Jack Demmer Ford & Ford Motor Company as the main fundraising event; adults were able to test drive a new car with \$20 per test drive being donated to the school; all of the individual booster groups were also set up in the school showcasing their fundraising campaigns; Wayne Memorial High School will have their first band concert of the year on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.; it will be a "Spooktacular" Concert with the band members dressed in Halloween costumes; she complimented Mr. Diroff on how he has turned the program around and how proud she is of their accomplishments; announced that the first card marking period in high school is ending and next week parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, October 28th and 29th; and she encouraged all parents to get out and attend since it is a great opportunity to find out what is going on with your child.

S. Monit: Congratulated Gary Martin and his financial team; thanked Representative LeBlanc, Senator Anderson and Representative Corriveau for their continuous support – it is greatly appreciated; thanked the B.O.S.S. and W.W.A.P. negotiating teams for recognizing what had to be done and doing it; and thanked all of the members of the 21st Century Schools Committee for their service.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 9:10 p.m.

Note: Official Board of Education meeting minutes are on file in the Superintendent's Office at 36745 Marquette, Westland. Additionally, Board of Education meetings are shown on Cable Channel 19 (Westland Comcast) and Channel 15 (Westland-WOW), Channel 19 (Wayne), Channel 18 (Canton -2nd & 4th Mondays @ 9:00 p.m.) and Channel 20 (Inkster – Fridays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.).