

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
November 9, 2009
Regular Board Meeting/7:03 p.m.

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: John Glenn High School Homecoming Game Victory – Ingham

Coach Tim Hardin
Tony Wilton

- b. Recognition: Legislative School Funding Efforts - Monit

Senator Glenn S. Anderson
Representative Richard LeBlanc
Representative Marc Corriveau

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2009

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices
b. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Ms. Joann Golden: 1995 Ford Crown Victoria and a 1994 Buick Skylark

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Human Resource Items:

Approval of the MEA Local 4 Contract Agreement (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012)
Approval of the W-WEA A/CE (Wayne-Westland Education Association/Adult and Community Education) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012)
Approval of Contract(s)/Instructional Personnel

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

During this time of year there are numerous holiday events taking place in our schools. Dr. Baracy announced that the district is partnering with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra to host a holiday fundraiser concert tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2009. This would be a significant charity

fundraiser with the proceeds going to fund our existing Plymouth Symphony Orchestra education program at the elementary level for next year. This year, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra also became victim to a reduction in funding.

Dr. Baracy thanked the 21st Century Schools Committee members for their participation and input on the individual team committees. He also announced that the next 21st Century Schools Committee Meeting for the at-large group is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center. At that time, the individual team committees (Instruction, Finance & Human Resources, Enrollment, Facilities and Communications) will be reporting on their information gathering and findings to the whole group along with some recommendations.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Monit

There were no Committee Reports.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger

M. Sample: Questioned what measures will be taken to ensure the safety of students crossing main roads who attend middle schools especially at Adams. Also questioned the changes coming with the 21st Century Schools reconfiguration and the impact it would have on building closures, special education, and Intra-County Schools of Choice.

B. Smith: Expressed the following concerns regarding the proposed closure of seven elementary schools with the 21st Century Schools project: adequate parking at the schools; staffing; and class offerings especially art/music at the elementary level.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Monit

J. Goci: Congratulated the negotiating teams for getting closure on the last two union contracts; stated that the Board can now focus on the 21st Century Schools Committee project; reminded everyone that Veteran's Day is Wednesday, November 11, 2009 and both high schools have events honoring veterans at 11:00 a.m.; encouraged the audience to attend one of them and honor our local veterans; complimented Coach Hardin on the great job he is doing with the John Glenn Varsity Football Team; commented that he has a lot of respect for him, and he is one of the nicest people in the community; and announced that on December 12, 2009 he will be sponsoring a fundraiser at US-12 (his family business) in conjunction with the district bus drivers and the Wayne Fire Department to help raise funds to provide every child in the City of Wayne a gift for Christmas.

S. Walker: Stated that she thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween "Spooktacular" concert performed by the band and orchestra students at Wayne Memorial High School; the John Glenn High School play, "The Butler Did It", was awesome and congratulated Coach Hardin and the John Glenn High School Athletic Department on their tremendous season.

C. Schofield: Commented that the fall Halloween concert at Wayne Memorial High School was fantastic; it was exciting to see so many students who are excelling at Adams Middle School and who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society; stated that John Glenn High School's play was phenomenal; reminded the community that on Thursday, November 12, 2009 Café Marquette will be hosting a Thanksgiving luncheon buffet beginning at 11:30 a.m.; all proceeds from this event will be donated to the Family Resource Center to provide holiday meals to families in need and the minimum donation is \$10.00; thanked the Board and the community for the opportunity to attend the Michigan Association of School Boards Fall Conference where our district was honored for their "Freaky Friday" program; and she was able to attend workshops on curriculum and talented and gifted programs.

M. Pitsenbarger: Congratulated Coach Hardin and Tony Wilton on the amazing touchdown that won them the Homecoming game and was viewed by thousands nation wide; wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving; and encouraged the community to attend Chef Tony's Thanksgiving buffet luncheon; and the proceeds go towards a good cause – the district's Family Resource Center.

W. Gabriel: Personally thanked Gary Martin for answering all of his questions over the last few weeks on contracts; with regard to the 21st Century Schools Committee stated that many people are way ahead of the process; no one wants to close schools but difficult decisions have to be made; thanked Dr. Baracy

for putting together a very talented group of people and staff to serve on this committee; and thanked all of the individuals who have volunteered and worked on the committee – he and the rest of the Board are awaiting their recommendations.

C. Middel: Announced that all Board Members received a copy of the October/2009 Head Start monthly expense report this evening for their review; cited that parking can be difficult at some of our schools especially when there are events taking place; this is an indicator that parents are interested and actively participating in their child's education and are to be congratulated; she attended many of the activity dances at the middle schools as well as fall festivals at the elementary schools; stated that she was pleased to see so many parents attend the "Freaky Friday" program at Marshall and show their children how important education is; and announced that the Academic Letter Awards Ceremony is coming up on November 23, 2009.

S. Monit: Commented that John Glenn High School's play, "The Butler Did It" was great; attended Franklin's National Honor Society Induction Ceremony which was outstanding; Wayne Memorial High School's fall concert was fun; stated that it is his belief that the more information that is shared in public regarding the upcoming recommendations of the 21st Century Schools Committee - the better the transition will be; encouraged the community to honor local veterans on November 11, 2009; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Senator Anderson and Representative Corriveau for attending the meeting tonight.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 8:50 p.m.

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