

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
November 10, 2008
Regular Board Meeting/7:00 p.m.

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

President Pitsenbarger read the following statement:

As a point of information, please be reminded that on Friday, October 17, 2008 the District and the Wayne-Westland Education Association entered into an agreement with the assistance of Administrative Law Judge Doyle O'Connor, not to make any further public comments about negotiations until the fact finder issues his report, which we expect to receive sometime in early January 2009. The District and the Association will continue to bargain in good faith toward a new contract.

Based on this agreement, the Board can not accept public comments about negotiations until both parties have received the fact finder's report and has had a reasonable and adequate opportunity to bargain with the Association about the implications of that report. Such comments will be ruled out of order.

The District and the Union both believe this restriction will permit all concerned to get back to business as usual. Most importantly, the District and the Association both believe this is in the best interest of our students. We trust you will respect and abide by this restriction.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: SAE Convergence 2008 Transportation Electronics Conference – Innovative Vehicle Design Awards: William D. Ford Career-Technical Center – Kowalski
 - 1st Place Vehicle Innovation
 - 1st Place Engineering and Fabrication
 - 1st Place Professional Pick
 - 2nd Place Presentation
 - 2nd Place Ambassadorship
 - 2nd Place Vehicle Performance

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2008

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignation/Administrative Personnel
- b. Termination/Non-Instructional Personnel
- c. Request for Leave of Absence/Non-Instructional Personnel
- d. Placement/Hourly 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 Professional Development Materials
- b. Payment of Invoices
- c. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Mayor William Wild, City of Westland: Monetary Donation to the Family Resource Center
- b. Mr. Walter R. Hoppe: Wheelchairs; Walker; Crutches, etc.

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Approval of Contract(s)/Instructional Personnel

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

He congratulated the students, staff and business partners of the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center on their outstanding accomplishment of being awarded (3) 1st place trophies and (3) 2nd place trophies for the design, building and construction of a hydro fuel cell car at the recent SAE Convergence Conference in Detroit.

Dr. Baracy also extended his congratulations to Wayne Memorial's JROTC Zebra Battalion Raider Team who placed second in the nation in the one-rope bridge and the fitness challenge events. The Raiders also placed first in the Cross Country Rescue (they set the course record) and fourth in the 5-mile team run and the Gauntlet (a grueling uphill team event). He commended First Sergeant Steven La Haine and the entire Zebra Battalion for their exceptional performance.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Pitsenbarger

There were no committee reports.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL

Public discussion began at 7:45 p.m. and ended at 8:45 p.m.

L. Schwaegerle: Expressed her concerns over the new middle school athletic league that the district is competing in this year especially in the area of swimming. Questioned who chose the KLA League and why it was chosen; are boys and girls competing against each other; and will there be an All City meet?

B. Smith: Questioned President Pitsenbarger why she did not know the details of Dr. Baracy's contract. Stated that the graduation rates, retention rates and drop-out rates cited in the district's Annual Report indicate that we are not meeting the state averages at the high school level.

S. Maxwell: Stated that she filed the recall petition against Skip Monit and Martha Pitsenbarger, but she is not the only person responsible for this. Her name is on the petition because legally only one name can be on it, but she has the support from members of the community. Questioned who will be paying for the legal fees associated with the recall; asked why Dr. Baracy was in attendance at the court hearings and if he will be taking personal business time for attending?

P. Gnacke: Graduate of John Glenn High School and former swimmer who shared her personal experiences on being on the swim team in school and the confidence it gave her. Expressed her concerns over the changes with the current KLA League. Also complimented the JROTC program at John Glenn that her son is in and the many wonderful teachers that her children have at John Glenn.

H. Rumley: Addressed Vice President Monit regarding his comments he made at a parent meeting at John Glenn High School and suggested that he be more conscious of what he is saying.

C. Moreno: Feels that the Board's student priorities are not in order. We are failing and have been failing. The Board needs to represent this community better and improve graduation rates; retention rates and drop-out rates.

D. Snowden: Questioned what fund the fuel comes out of for buses; why do we only play one sport on the football fields; why doesn't our district play in a sports league closer to home like Garden City and Taylor; and why don't we hold School Board Elections in November to split costs?

C. Miller: Stated that she commented on her child's class size at the September meeting and now it is November, and it still has not changed. Her child is in the only 4th grade class at Wildwood Elementary school with 32 students. He received a C Grade compared to A's and B's last year. She believes that this is a direct reflection on the class size and he is not getting the attention or the one-on-one time that he needs.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Pitsenbarger

E. Turner: Thanked Kendall and Trent for leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance tonight; announced that he attended four productions of John Glenn High School's play, "Virgil and the City Slickers", and it was very good; Wayne Memorial High School's play, "Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be November 20th – 22nd and encouraged everyone to attend this event.

B. Gabriel: No public comments.

C. Schofield: Attended John Glenn's school play and complimented Mrs. Grove and her students for the wonderful performance; announced that several years ago one of the goals of the Board was to increase parent involvement at the secondary level and to work on creating parent groups; on November 1st she helped Wayne Memorial's Z-PAC (Zebra Parent Advisory Council) with a Scrapbook Fundraiser to raise money towards the annual senior dinner in May and a Turn-Around Scholarship; she attended John Glenn's Parent Advisory Council (G-PAC) meeting last week and their next one is scheduled for November 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center; Wayne Memorial's Z-PAC meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center; complimented Marshall's Parent Impact Group for their involvement in the "Freaky Friday" event; and complimented their parent group on the wide variety of activities they take part in at the school and acknowledged each of them individually.

S. Walker: Stated that she appreciated the citizens for bringing their concerns to the Board and stated that "your concerns are my concerns"; complimented the John Glenn High School drama department on the wonderful performance of their school play; congratulated the Career-Technical Center on the awards they received for the IVD car; and congratulated the students who were inducted into Adams Middle School's National Junior Honor Society this past week.

S. Becher: Announced that John Glenn High School's play was excellent; attended the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Adams Middle School which was impressive; encouraged anyone who knows where Madison Elementary School's time capsule is buried to contact the school; attended Marshall Middle School's "Freaky Friday" event and had the opportunity to spend time in Mrs. Brown's class who is a super teacher and did a marvelous job; and announced that Wayne Memorial's JROTC Battalion will be commemorating Veteran's Day with a special flag ceremony tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in front of the school.

S. Monit: Congratulated the Career-Technical Center on their awards and the combined efforts and abilities that went into the production of the IVD car are fantastic; they deserve all of the accolades; and announced that tomorrow is a special day to honor the Veterans of our nation and recognize the JROTC students and graduates who go on to serve in the military.

M. Pitsenbarger: Announced that the Career-Technical Center's Culinary Arts Program will be holding a luncheon fundraiser for the Family Resource Center tomorrow, Tuesday, November 11th; the cost of the luncheon will be \$7.00 and the proceeds will go towards Thanksgiving meals for families in our community; she wholeheartedly endorses this worthwhile cause; and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 9:00 p.m.

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