

Wayne-Westland Community Schools  
Westland, Michigan 48185  
September 24, 2007  
Regular Board Meeting/7:00 p.m.

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

#### RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: JROTC Cadet Leader Challenge Award Recipients -Wayne Memorial Zebra Battalion – Albrecht  
  
Outstanding Male Cadet: Cadet Master Sergeant Shawn Polite  
  
Top Academic Student: Cadet Sergeant First Class Joshua Fletcher

#### CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: August 20, 2007
- b. Special Board Meeting Minutes: August 27, 2007

##### HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

##### BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Lease Extension – The Judson Center (Rose F. Kennedy Respite Care Center)
- b. Audio Enhancement System – Equipment Replacement and Service
- c. Payment of Invoices
- d. Investment Report

##### DONATIONS

- a. Ms. Marlene Pedlow: HP Desk Jet 697 C. Printer
- b. Ms. Patti Grover: Dell Computer/Keyboard/Speakers/Windows 98

##### COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

- a. Plymouth-Canton Community School District

#### ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Human Resource Items  
  
Approval of W-WAP (Wayne-Westland Association of Paraprofessionals) Contract Agreement (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009)

Approval of Contract(s)/Instructional Personnel

NOTE: At 7:25 p.m. the Board adjourned to a closed session according to 8(a) [. . . to consider the discipline of an employee who has requested a closed session . . .] of the Open Meetings Act and returned to open session at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of Tenure Proceeding Charges Filed Against Teacher James Zoltowski

- b. Approval of Purchase Agreement of Real Estate Parcel
- c. Designation of Delegates for the Michigan Association of School Boards 2007 Delegate Assembly: Terrance R. McClain, Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D., and Skip Monit.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

He congratulated Instructor Zachary MacLean and four of his students from the Career-Technical Center who have been selected from a pool of students to participate in MACUL’s Student Technology Workshop held at the State Capitol Building in Lansing later this week. They will be demonstrating the use of computers as it relates to the academics in the classroom and how computers tie in with robotic activities that are used in business and industry. They have invited the governor and our local legislators to attend this event.

Dr. Baracy announced that once again our legislators have not been able to resolve Michigan’s budget crisis. Last evening, the Senate passed a bill that would slash funding in four categories having a significant impact on K-12 funding. He urged members of the listening audience to contact their representatives and senators to fix this budget crisis; fix it now; and fix it right.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Monit

Finance: Treasurer Becher reported that the committee met on September 20, 2007 and the topics discussed were as follows: F06/07 Preliminary Financial Results; Financial Historical Trend and Five Year Forecast; Results of F06/07 Plante & Moran Audits; Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; October 22, 2007 Board Presentation of Financial Results; Potential Property Purchase; Status of Federal Secure Our Schools/COPS Grant; Status of Sinking Fund and Building & Site Projects; Status of Contract Negotiations; State Aid Update; Human Resource Items; and Long Range Capital Planning - Bond Project.

Facilities & Site: Vice President Schofield reported that the committee met on September 18, 2007 and the following agenda items were discussed: Status of John Glenn High School’s Addition; High School Security Update; Status of Other Capital Projects; Potential Property Purchase; Update on HVAC Controls Contracts; Status of Wayne & Westland COPS Grants; Respite Center Lease Extension; Human Resource Items; and Update on a Potential Bond Project.

Human Resources: Trustee McClain reported that the committee met on September 18, 2007 following to discuss the following issues: Negotiations/Mediations Update and Employee/Personnel Issues.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

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

F. Weaver: Go Rockets! & Go Zebras! for the homecoming football games. He is looking forward to the upcoming parades and dances.

S. Becher: Reminded everyone that Wayne Memorial's Homecoming is this Friday and John Glenn's is October 5<sup>th</sup>; this will give the community an opportunity to see both of the new facilities; he congratulated our two cadets for the excellent achievements they received and deserved; the JROTC Program is fantastic and is doing phenomenally well!

C. Schofield: Congratulated the two young men – Cadets Polite and Fletcher; and stated that it is amazing to see that they represent a whole group of young men and women who have excelled and in many cases achieved things they never dreamed they would achieve through their participation in the JROTC Program.

M. Pitsenbarger: Congratulated Shawn Polite and Joshua Fletcher, and stated that she is very proud of the JROTC Program; she is looking forward to both of them representing Wayne Memorial High School in the parade; encouraged everyone to attend the high school homecoming football games and parades; and urged the community members to contact their legislators and tell them to support education and not cut the state budget in this area.

T. McClain: Thanked the young people from Lincoln Elementary who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance; congratulated the two cadets and commended all of the staff who are working with the JROTC Program; echoed the comments of Dr. Baracy and Martha Pitsenbarger urging community members to contact their legislators to enforce that children are our priority and our most precious quantity – do not cut K-12 funding; and stated that he has been asked and accepted to join a pre-kindergarten legislative committee through MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) which will help provide recommendations and feedback on legislative issues at the federal level.

E. Turner: Thanked Kendel, Kimberly, Cody and Mark for leading the audience in the pledge this evening; thanked Cadets Polite and Fletcher for their accomplishments; we have a lot to be proud of with the JROTC Program in our district; announced that the monthly spaghetti dinners at the Dyer Senior Center will begin this Friday; and reiterated what Dr. Baracy and his fellow Board colleagues have stated regarding the education funding issue and Michigan's budget crisis.

S. Monit: Thanked the W-WAP negotiating team for their diligence and hard work; echoed the comments of his fellow Board Members regarding the JROTC Program; and announced that the ZPAC Committee at Wayne Memorial High School will be collecting bottles and cans at entrances to the football games with monies going towards scholarships.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Approximately 8:09 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays @ 9:00 p.m.) and Channel 20 (Inkster – Fridays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.).