

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
September 25, 2006
Regular, Board Meeting/7:00 p.m.

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: Toyota International Teacher Program Recipient: Zachary MacLean - Kowalski
- b. Recognition: Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting Awards – Martin

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes: August 21, 2006
- b. Special Board Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2006

HUMAN RESOURCES ITEMS

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

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Purchase of Autodesk's Design Academy and DesignKids Technology Software
- b. Payment of Invoices
- c. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Ryan F. Smith (Observer and Eccentric Newspapers): School Supplies

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

- a. Academy of Business & Technology

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Human Resources Items:
Appointment of Timothy T. McGinty as Garage Operations Supervisor
Approval of Contracts/Instructional Personnel
- b. Adoption of Resolution in Support of the K-16 School Funding Proposal 5
- c. Approval of the 2005-2006 Annual Report
- d. Approval of the 2006-2007 Michigan School Readiness Program State Aid
- e. Designation of Delegates for the Michigan Association of School Boards 2006 Delegate Assembly: Frederick L. Weaver, Th.D., Terrance R. McClain, Martha Pitsenbarger, Skip Monit and Cindy Schofield as Alternate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments relative to Proposal 5:

Why Proposal 5? Michigan is in an educational funding crisis and has been. We are facing a structural deficit where there is not enough revenue to support current educational programs. Our district has cut over \$15 million in general fund costs in the last four years, and it is still not enough. For several years there were no increases in state aid funds for all schools in Michigan. We have seen a modest increase this year of \$210 per student which is less than half of what we need in order to meet newly mandated curriculum program requirements from the State.

What is Proposal 5? It is a legislative initiative brought to the ballot with over 300,000 voter signatures and makes funding of public schools a top state budget priority.

What Will It Do? It requires the State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public K-12 and intermediate school districts, community colleges and 4-year universities. Also, it requires the State to fund any deficiencies from the general fund into the State Aid Fund. Additionally, Proposal 5 will reduce and cap retirement fund contributions paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities with the remaining portion paid by the State.

The Bottom Line: The State and legislature have the responsibility to fund all educational programs at the appropriate levels for our students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Weaver

There were no committee meetings.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Weaver

S. Monit: Congratulated Gary Martin and the entire Finance Department on receiving the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting Awards and thanked them for the great job; congratulated Zachary MacLean; thanked Dr. Barresi for the presentation on the Annual Report which was very informative; and stated that he attended Taft-Galloway's Open House which was a nice experience.

E. Turner: Thanked the students who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening; complimented Zachary MacLean on his excellent presentation and representation of the district in Japan; thanked Gary Martin and his staff for their outstanding achievement; welcomed Tim McGinty to the district; stated that the Annual Report was excellent and the best he's ever seen; and is proud that the Board of Education adopted the resolution supporting Proposal 5 and hopes that it will be a wake up call for all legislators in Michigan.

C. Schofield: Stated that she supports Proposal, 5 but it is also disheartening that Board of Educations throughout the State have to take this action when it is really the responsibility of legislators to fund public schools; and expressed her concerns that legislators repeatedly don't talk to experts in public education and continue to make decisions based on preconceived ideas.

M. Pitsenbarger: Congratulated Zachary MacLean and thoroughly enjoyed his presentation; we are so fortunate to have teachers of his caliber in our district; complimented Gary Martin on the great job he does for the District; his presentations on the financial aspects of our district are always clear and easy to understand; welcomed Tim McGinty to our district; stated that she had a great time at John Glenn's Homecoming parade and football game; the turnout was excellent, and it is always nice to see the parents, students and children of the community take part in this annual event; and concluded her comments by stating that the schools are going full speed ahead!

T. McClain: Welcomed Tim McGinty to our district and stated that he is thankful to have him on our team; thanked Gary Martin for taking such good financial care of all of our business matters; complimented the quality of the district's curriculum and instruction services we provide to our students; this is a direct reflection of the leadership of Dr. Baracy, his fellow Board Members, and the teaching and support staff in our district who collectively provide quality educational services to our students; and stated that educating our children is a top priority.

F. Weaver: Announced that the Board of Education established priority goals for the Superintendent for the 2006-2007 school year at a workshop last week. They hinge on the following four pillars: Improve Student Achievement; Stay Financially Sound; Continue Marketing the District; and Improve the Level of Technology in the District. Also a new goal set for the Board Members will be to adopt a school/department within the district and make routine visits so that every building is covered. He also congratulated everyone who participated in the presentations this evening.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 8:11 p.m.

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