

Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Westland, Michigan 48185
October 22, 2007
Regular Board Meeting/7:00 p.m.

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

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS – Baracy

- a. Recognition: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant – Baracy/Martin
City of Wayne and City of Westland
- b. Recognition: Alpha Delta Kappa – Beta Sigma Chapter – 40th Anniversary - Sherman
- c. 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: September 24, 2007
- b. Closed Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2007 (#1)
- c. Closed Meeting Minutes: September 24, 2007 (#2)

HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

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

BUSINESS SERVICES ITEMS

- a. Recommendation to Purchase New Buses
- b. Payment of Invoices
- c. Investment Report

DONATIONS

- a. Mr. & Mrs. Janack: 2 Rollator Walkers
- b. Ms. Angel Rachor: Creepster Crawler
- c. Mr. Gerald Mc Nerney: Miscellaneous Electrical Equipment
- d. Ms. Natalie Lapin: Computer/Monitor/Keyboard
- e. Ms. Barbara Barwick: Drafting Tools and Books
- f. Mr. Jim Florence: 21 VHS Children Movies/Barney Tape/Leap Frog Reader/33 Children's Books
- g. Mr. Steven LeMaire & Ms. Anya LeMaire: 1995 Ford Station Wagon
- h. Mr. Stanley Wasik: 1986 Dodge Four Door
- i. Bahae Ebrahim: Monetary Donation to the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center

ACTION ITEMS (Unanimous votes unless otherwise noted):

- a. Approval of the 2006-2007 Plante & Moran Audit Report Presentation
- b. Approval of Contract(s)/Instructional Personnel

- c. Approval of the 2006-2007 Annual Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Baracy

Dr. Baracy made the following comments:

In regard to the 5th and 6th grade MEAP tests, the state has informed us that we will be re-taking the ELA Writing Prompts portion on November 7, 2007 due to a breach in the administration of these tests which took place in another district.

Dr. Baracy announced that we are now in the fourth month of the new school year, and our legislators have not passed a school aid bill. We do not even have a clue as to what our legislators are going to do with school finances. School districts are mandated to adopt a balanced budget by July 1st of every year. Frankly, that is not right. We need to resolve this issue immediately. We need to know what our funding will be for the upcoming school year so we can plan our expenses accordingly. There is no other business or organization that operates under these circumstances. Dr. Baracy encouraged the listening audience to contact their legislators and demand immediate resolution to our school aid funding issue.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – Monit

Human Resources: Vice President Schofield reported that the committee met on October 18, 2007 and the following agenda items were discussed: B.O.S.S. Negotiations Update; W.W.E.S.A. Update; James Zoltowski Tenure Update; Worker's Compensation Pending Case; and Executive Director of Student and Legal Affairs posting.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: GENERAL – Pitsenbarger

There were no public comments.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – Monit

C. Schofield: Congratulated Wayne Memorial for winning Channel 4's Friday Football Frenzy; extended congratulations to the John Glenn Rockets for winning Friday night's football game and becoming the City Champions; stated how good she feels as a School Board Member and a parent knowing that our high schools, middle schools and elementary schools are in the cities of Wayne and Westland and both have police departments who go out of their way to handle situations in the buildings so professionally; the police liaison officers in the high schools are truly the "gems of the community", and they are very much appreciated; reminded parents that high school conferences are this week Wednesday and Thursday; check the district website and school calendars for times; and stated that report cards have also been issued.

M. Pitsenbarger: Announced that she is very appreciative of the Mayors and Police Chiefs from the cities of Wayne and Westland, and it is wonderful that the schools, cities, and police departments work together as a team on projects and issues; stated that she enjoyed the homecoming games and parades at both high schools; there was a tremendous turnout of people which was great; and commented that there was a "good sense" of community at the meeting tonight.

S. Becher: Congratulated Gary Martin and his staff for earning the two prestigious finance awards for the eighth consecutive year in a row; and commented that the City Champions Trophy is back where it belongs.

E. Turner: Congratulated John Glenn on winning the City Championship Trophy; announced that this Friday night is the Dyer Senior Citizens Spaghetti Dinner; John Glenn's school play is scheduled for the first weekend in November, and it will be a comedy/mystery; Wayne Memorial's school play will be the weekend following Glenn's and this year's performance will be "Father Knows Best"; extended congratulations to Gary Martin and his staff for doing a great job; stated that the police departments in both the cities of Wayne and Westland are very cooperative with the school district; and commented that he is proud to be serving as a member on this Board.

F. Weaver: Thanked Haylie and Brendan for leading the Pledge of Allegiance this evening; congratulated the Finance and Instruction Departments for their good reports tonight; and congratulated John Glenn's football team on their victory.

S. Monit: Congratulated John Glenn on winning the City Championship Trophy; the partnership with the cities on the COPS Grant is great; the fact that we are able to bring all of this together for the safety of our students and parents is outstanding; urged parents who might not normally attend conferences to do so this year; and commented that the weather for both of the high schools homecoming activities was wonderful and brought a crowd of people out.

ADJOURNMENT: Approximately 8:25 p.m.

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