



The Board Report

A bulletin of actions taken by the Dearborn Board of Education

A publication of the Communications Office

September 13, 2010

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Whiston provided the Board with a brief update on the budget situation in Lansing. At this time the legislators are still considering three different options on how to allocate federal dollars to schools in the state. The worst case scenario would provide zero additional dollars to Dearborn, but two other possibilities being discussed would provide the district with anywhere from 2.1 to 3.4 million dollars. Dearborn, along with all the other districts in the state, is waiting to find out what will happen in Lansing. The state has until October 1 to pass a balanced budget.

RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. New Teacher Introductions

A small reception was held before the Board meeting to provide the Board of Education, Superintendent Whiston and Cabinet members time to welcome new teachers, administrators and support staff to the district. During the Board meeting, Mr. Matthew Wandrie, Director of Human Resources, welcomed each new staff member to the district. New staff members had the opportunity to officially introduce themselves to the Board and identify where they will be working.

B. Commendations

High School

Dearborn High

Congratulations to Evan Bowser, Dearborn High junior, for his recent 1st place finish at the Michigan PGA Jr. Tour event. Evan has had a terrific year, being named to the All City, All Western Wayne County, and All State Teams. He finished third overall at the Division I state meet and led the Pioneers to the Western Wayne Athletic Conference title. He also won the Press & Guide All Area tournament.

Congratulations to Dearborn High senior, Hannah Chandler, for her 1st place finish in an Entrepreneurship Workshop held this summer at Henry Ford Community College. Hannah worked with students from Livonia to create a business plan/product development proposal. Hannah was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her 1st place finish.

Congratulations to Dearborn High football coach, David Mifsud, for being named the Detroit Lion's 2010, Week Two, High School Coach of the Week. Mifsud is in his 14th season as head coach with a record of 87-50 including eight state playoff appearances and four league championships. Each week throughout the 2010 season, one coach that best develops his players' character, discipline and football skill will be recognized for his commitment to the team, school and community. Each winning coach will receive a \$2,000 donation to his school's football program.

Elementary

Commendations to the children in the Snow School Summer Adventure Program for their work with local senior citizens. This summer the children enjoyed a weekly visit with senior citizens in the Oakwood Adult Day Care Center. The kids also did a fundraiser to purchase a few new games for their friends.

Commendations to the following students for their help with the Maples 80th anniversary celebration held last spring: Mariam Yehya, Iman Isayli, Nour Jouni, Hania Basma, Batool Shukr, and Shereen Kessrwan.

Dearborn Public Schools Graduates in the News

Dearborn High graduate, Tom Leduc, won a \$5,000 scholarship for his public service announcement on the dangers of fast driving. Leduc was one of three grand prize winners in the Bridgestone America's Safety Scholars teen driver video contest. His video, "Avoidable Accidents," was chosen out of more than 1,300 submitted by contestants ages 16-21 from across the country. Leduc also won a set of Bridgestone tires which he gave to his mother for her car.

Fordson graduate, Rasha Natour, received a Fulbright Scholarship and will travel to the West Bank for ten months to teach English. Natour will become the first-ever Fulbright scholar to work as a teaching assistant in the West Bank when she begins work at Birzeit University, which is located just outside of Ramallah.

SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Review of Opening Days of School

To start the report, a short video capturing highlights of opening day at several schools was shown to the Board and audience. Associate Superintendent for Elementary, Mrs. Norma Jean Sass, and Associate Superintendent for Secondary, Dr. Gail Shenkman, spoke to the Board, sharing their experiences at the schools they visited on opening day. They also spoke about the many different activities that occurred at schools during the first week of class. Superintendent Whiston thanked the Board and Cabinet members for visiting schools on opening day. The Superintendent was able to stop by a couple of schools and enjoyed welcoming back students and staff.

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved declaration of graduates from the 2010 summer school period.
- Approved P-12 Executive Session, closed/negotiations, September 27, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

RESIGNATION

Bengt-Aaron Alcodray, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 8/27/10.

Yvonne Belcher, Snow, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 8/26/10.

Danielle Carlomusto, Whitmore-Bolles, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/10.

Kristina Dyas, William Ford, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/1/10.

Tisha Love, On Child Care Leave, Elementary Teacher (Shared-Time), effective 8/20/10.

Melody Thomas, Division of District Operations, Bus Attendant (Part-Time), effective 9/1/10.

Brenda Winkles, Haigh, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 8/27/10.

RETIREMENT

Nancy Goforth, William Ford, Custodial C, 24 years of service, effective 8/31/10.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leila Beydoun, Lindbergh, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 8/31/10.

Lila Chami, Lowrey, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/10.

Fadia Dakroub, On Extended Health Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/13/10.

Asharj Elward, Geer Park, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/10.

Karen Julian, On Extended Health Leave, Elementary Teacher, effective 8/30/10.

Ali Kobeissi, On Personal Leave, Business/Mathematics Teacher, effective 8/30/10.

Ann Presnell, On Care of Family Leave, Social Studies Teacher, effective 8/30/10.

Sondria Sapia, Lowrey, Food Service Assistant, effective 9/7/10.

Carla Soule, H.F.C.C. Child Development Center, Child Care Provider, effective 10/21/10.

OTHER SEVERANCE

Maha Chammout, On General Purpose Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/14/10.

Hanan Hamade, On Child Care Leave, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/14/10.

Amy Hoffman, On Personal Leave, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/14/10.

John Pfaff, On Extended Health Leave, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, effective 9/14/10.

APPOINTMENT

Sherry Candea, Secretary III, H.F.C.C. Child Development Center, effective 9/14/10.

Maribeth Cote, Departmental Teacher of the Moderately Cognitive Impaired, effective 8/30/10.

Kelly Danson, Lead Childcare Provider, Lindbergh, effective 9/14/10.

Abigail Davis, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/7/10.

Michael Duggan, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, effective 8/30/10.

Abeer Fahs, Chemistry Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/27/10.

Melanie Flesher, Biology Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/7/10.

Kristin Gaiefsky, Secretary II (Media), McCollough/Smith, effective 9/14/10.

Sandra Gordon, Noon Hour Supervisor, Lindbergh, effective 9/14/10.

Gufran Ibrahim, Noon Hour Supervisor, Geer Park, effective 9/14/10.

Susan Johnson, Childcare Provider, H.F.C.C. Child Development Center, effective 9/14/10.

Hamzee Kaddoura, Departmental Title I Teacher, effective 8/31/10.

Norman Klawender, Mathematics Teacher, Dearborn, effective 9/8/10.

Dimitra Korogiannis, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/7/10.

Mary Kubicek, Language Arts Teacher, Woodworth, effective 9/13/10.

Sarah Lindroth, Lead Childcare Provider, H.F.C.C. Child Development Center, effective 9/14/10.

Kendra Lytle, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/7/10.
Susan Martin, Secretary III, Dearborn, effective 9/7/10.
Hassan Mokkaled, Custodial A, Fordson, effective 9/14/10.
Alexandria Moslimani, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/13/10.
Maymon Mustafa, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/7/10.
Vicki Ponder, Mathematics Teacher, Edsel Ford, effective 8/31/10.
Chalice Puzio, Satellite Food Service Manager, Howe, effective 9/14/10.
Mary Reed, Lead Childcare Provider, Haigh, effective 9/14/10.
Maysaa Saab, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/7/10.
Eman Saleh, Secretary IV, Salina Intermediate, effective 9/14/10.
Lila Saleh, Language Arts Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/13/10.
Mary Williams, Noon Hour Supervisor, Geer Park, effective 9/14/10.

REAPPOINTMENT TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Ndieh Aun, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/2/10.
Erica Beaver, Fordson, Language Arts Teacher, effective 8/30/10.
Beth Brown, Departmental Art Teacher (Half-Time), effective 9/2/10.
Jeffery Conway, Dearborn, Mathematics Teacher/Athletic Director, effective 8/30/10.
Molly Epperly, Departmental GSRP Teacher, effective 8/30/10.
Amanda Gregory, Language Arts Teacher, effective 8/30/10.
Elizabeth Gutierrez, Geer Park, Elementary Teacher, effective 8/30/10.
Diana Harb, William Ford, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/7/10.
Patricia Harris, Departmental Teacher of Learning Disabled, effective 8/30/10.
Angela Hill, Maples, Elementary Teacher, effective 8/30/10.
Angela Isham, McDonald, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/2/10.
Elizabeth Keimig, William Ford, Elementary Teacher, effective 8/30/10.
Juliann Polgar, Departmental Montessori Teacher (Half-Time), effective 8/30/10.
Emily Warneck, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/3/10.

REAPPOINTMENT TO NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Vivian Blanton, Salina Intermediate, Custodial C, effective 9/13/10.
Randa Khanafer, Maples, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/10.
Angelique Paillon, At a Location to be Determined, Custodial C, effective 9/13/10.
Sandra Pearson, Nowlin, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/10.
Jacqueline Pudelek, Salina Elementary, Custodial C, effective 9/13/10.

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Kimberly Zarzycki, Departmental Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher, effective 8/30/10.

SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE OF STATUS

Hussein Bazy, Lowrey, Elementary Teacher, from BA, Step 3, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 3, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/30/10.
Samer Hadad, Stout, Science Teacher, from MA, Step 8, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA(30), Step 8, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/30/10.
Hiba Hamade, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, from BA, Step 2, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 2, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/30/10.
Caryn Schultz, Fordson, Departmental Special Education Teacher Consultant, from MA, Step, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA(30), Step, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/30/10.

CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

Mary Bajjey, from Haigh, Food Service Assistant, to Satellite Food Service Manager, Nowlin, effective 9/14/10.
John Forystek, from Dearborn, Custodial C, to Grounds, Dearborn, effective 9/14/10.
Lynda Kime, from Accounting, Administrative Service Center, Accounting Technician, to Payroll Specialist, Payroll, Administrative Service Center, effective 9/14/10.
Miron Kurylyuk, from Haigh, Engineer C, to Engineer B, Stout, effective 9/14/10.
Edward Mazur, from Bryant, Custodial C, to Grounds, Division of District Operations, effective 9/14/10.
Monica Mansour, from McDonald, Food Service Assistant, to Satellite Food Service Manager, McDonald, effective 9/14/10.
Nabil Mubarez, from Becker/Miller, Secretary II (Part-Time), to Secretary III, McCollough-Unis, effective 9/14/10.
Nina Rizzo, Edsel Ford, Food Service Assistant, to Cook, Lowrey, effective 9/14/10.

ACHIEVEMENT OF TENURE

Jason Canfield, Michael Berry Career Center, Business/Language Arts Teacher, effective 8/27/10.

Courtney Dubyak, Departmental Speech Correctionist, effective 9/11/10.

Ambra Girolomo, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, effective 9/11/10.

Susan Rockey, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, effective 8/28/10.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, September 20, 2010, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the New School of Nursing, located at Schaefer and Rotunda.

Monday, September 27, 2010, P-12 Executive Session (closed/negotiations), 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, September 27, 2010, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, October 11, 2010, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, October 18, 2010, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.