



The Board Report

A bulletin of actions taken by the Dearborn Board of Education

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Note: The December 13, 2010 Board Meeting was canceled due to severe weather. Many of the items from that meeting were placed on the January 10, 2011 agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

The State is reporting that the School Aid Fund will be slightly higher than projected, bringing a small increase in the January and February payment to school districts. Although still significantly less than prior funding levels, the small increase, as promised by the Board, will be passed along to those employee groups that took a reduction in pay when State funding was reduced.

RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lindbergh Elementary Performance

Lindbergh Elementary School Choir, led by music teacher Sharon Baloga, performed three songs at the meeting. The 60-member group sang “A Wacky Winter,” “A Winter Walk” and “Snow Day.” The performance was originally scheduled for the December meeting but was canceled due to severe weather. Following the performance, music teachers Eric Shea and Rick Pierce shared information with the Board on a special summer music camp designed and run by district music teachers. The camp attracted 21 incoming sixth grade students. The teachers plan on running the camp again this year to continue the effort to maintain a strong instrumental and vocal music program at the high school level.

Board Appreciation

January is School Board Recognition Month and is celebrated by 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan. The Dearborn Board of Education Trustees continually work with students, staff, parents, and community members to create an environment where education is the priority and all children can achieve academic success. Members of the Board must make many difficult decisions including those that involve personnel issues, student discipline, balancing the budget, and approving the best possible curriculum.

	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Year Started</u>
Trustee, Joseph Guido	12-31-11	17	January 1994
Trustee, Pamela Adams	12-31-13	15	January 1996
Trustee, Aimee Blackburn	12-31-12	9	January 2001
Trustee, Mary Lane	12-31-12	9	January 2000
Trustee, James Schoolmaster	12-31-14	8	January 2002
Trustee, Mary Petlichkoff	12-31-11	3	January 2008
Trustee, Hussein Berry	12-31-13	1	January 2010

Commendations – Charitable Contributions Made During the Holiday Season

District

Several schools in the district collected canned goods for the Dearborn Elks Club annual food drive to help families living in the city of Dearborn. Commendations to the students and staff at all of our schools for their generous contribution of almost 20,000 cans.

In addition to taking part in the canned goods collection, schools took on several other projects to help those in need. Commendations to the following schools.

Elementary

Duvall

Tree of Warmth run by the PTA collected several boxes of gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens and donated them to charitable organizations. The PTA also donated funds to a local family in need.

Haigh

Haigh collected 135 pairs of pajamas as part of The Great Pajama Drive. Scholastic is donating a book to go along with each pair of "PJ's" collected. Haigh's donations were sent to a shelter in Wayne called First Steps. Students collected just over \$200 with a "Candy Gram" sale and used the money to adopt a Gray Wolf as one of the school's Green School goals. Also, fifth grade students collected \$654 for the Dearborn Animal Shelter's "Beggin' for Bones" fundraiser. The students won the Golden Bone Award for their efforts.

Howard

Howard Elementary had a giving tree and collected 53 pairs of gloves and 28 hats that were donated to ACCESS to help families in need. Students also raised \$2,300 through the marathon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. In addition, many individual classrooms donated money and books to local organizations like the Dearborn Animal Shelter and Make a Wish Foundation. A Locks of Love event held at the school collected more than 170 inches of hair donated from students and staff. The event was coordinated by Nadine Clark and Debbie Raschke.

Long

Students at Long Elementary donated several boxes of toys for Toys for Tots.

Maples

Special thanks to Ms. Wozniak, 2nd grade teacher at Maples, for her efforts to collect and donate knitted gloves, hats and scarves. The items were donated by a local knitting group.

McDonald

McDonald staff and parents donated gloves, mittens and hats for their giving tree. These items were given to local families.

Miller

Miller students donated several items for Toys for Tots and Toys for Spots.

Whitmore-Bolles

Whitmore-Bolles teachers donated money to the Goodfellows. Teachers donate cash for the privilege of dressing more casually on Friday. Mrs. Perry's preschool class visits classrooms with the Friday Fund Can to collect money. School secretary, Julie Wilson, tracks this money and contacted the Goodfellows when it reached a healthy sum. The Goodfellows treasurer, Karl Farva, picked up the check.

Secondary

Bryant

Bryant held a "Hats on Day," led by art teacher Nicole Reynaert, and collected \$539 for children's cancer research. The school also had a mitten tree, tree donated by Linda McCarty's family, and students decorated the tree with gloves and mittens that were donated to those in need. Eagle Aid Day, organized by Mrs. Schock, raised \$383 to help Bryant families in need. Students donated money to wear slippers.

Edsel Ford

The Edsel Ford National Honor Society has been involved in several charitable activities:

In partnership with All Brite Dental in Dearborn and Operation Gratitude, NHS collected over 28 pounds of Halloween candy that was sent to the troops overseas.

Begging for Bones – NHS collected the most money (\$465) in the Begging for Bones event to benefit the Dearborn Animal Shelter. The school won the Golden Bond Award. In addition, students donated items needed at the shelter such as blankets, toys, leashes and food.

NHS students donated their time wrapping gifts at Barnes and Noble. Money collected for wrapping presents was donated to the American Cancer Society in memory of Teresa Colter, mother of Colin Colter, an 11th grade NHS member.

Presently students are collecting used Christmas, birthday and thank you cards that will be sent to St. Jude Ranch for Children. These cards will be made into new cards and sold to help the children who are battling diseases.

Stout

Stout collected over 200 "warm items" such as coats, gloves, hats and scarves and donated the items to local charities. Stout families also donated items to the animal shelter. Mrs. Sloan put together a trip and students went downtown to the Detroit Missionary and helped prepare and serve meals.

Unis

Unis 7th graders in Ms. Moslimani's class led a school-wide effort to collect \$655 and more than 1,500 items needed at the YWCA Interim House Shelter for women and children. Sixteen students and parents visited the shelter to drop off the items, and the shelter administrator was in tears of happiness while accepting the donations. Students listened to a speaker who was an advocate for stopping domestic violence and had a chance to read to the children at the shelter.

Administration Building

Staff in the Administration Building donated items to Toys for Tots and Toys for Spots and made cash donations to local food banks and the Dearborn Animal Shelter.

Commendations

District

Congratulations to the hard working staff in Transportation. Through their efforts, the district was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Michigan State Police for achieving a 100% Pass Rate for School Bus Inspection. Commendations to the following staff for their direct contributions to achieving this honor: Mary Nagle, School Bus Driver; Frank Ruel, Motor Equipment Mechanic Leader; Scott Mayville, Motor Equipment Mechanic; Dale Pierce, Motor Equipment Mechanic; Mike Jelic, Motor Equipment Mechanic; and Mike Zubik, Motor Equipment Mechanic.

Commendations to district art teachers for once again organizing and hosting the annual Empty Bowls dinner. This year's event was a big success, raising more than \$3,500 for local food banks. Special thanks to the students who made the bowls, and to sponsors Park Place Catering, Bona Venture, Starbucks, Rovin, and many others who worked to ensure the success of the event.

Secondary

Commendations to Latifa Bazzi, Dearborn High senior, Kenny Winder and Justin Malyn, Edsel Ford seniors, and Jaleel Salhi, Fordson senior, for being awarded the University of Michigan-Dearborn Chancellor's Scholarship. The scholarship provides full tuition. In order to be considered for the scholarship, students needed to score at least a 31 on the ACT and maintain a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations to Dearborn High and DCMST senior Matthew Means for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, Matthew earned 39 merit badges and served his troop in a variety of leadership roles. The culmination of all this hard work was one final community service project. Matthew collected more than 4,000 books that were then donated to local community groups.

Edsel Ford

Congratulations to Edsel Ford students Clare Russell and Benjamin Timpf who performed at the first Michigan School Vocal Music Association Musical Theatre Solo and Ensemble Festival. Both students sang very well, and Ben earned a "Superior" rating. Many thanks go out to Mr. Jim Walters, vocal music teacher at Snow and Long Elementary Schools and director of the Dearborn Elementary Honors Choir, for stepping in and sharing his phenomenal accompanying skills for our students!

Fordson

Commendations to Norma Harb, Michael Dicks and Nicole Rabac, teachers at Fordson High School, for their efforts to organize and facilitate a great diversity event at the school. The Diversity Advisory Group and Henry Ford Hospital partnered for a Diversity Training Day with 75 students of all races and ethnicities. Commendations are also in order for the Diversity Advisory Group student officers – Omar Nasmalla, Fatima Eid, Mohamed Hourani, Mallak Anani, and Mohamed Ahmed. Special thanks to Henry Ford Hospital for their assistance.

Henry Ford Early College Program

The Middle College National Consortium, which is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as well as other foundations, has awarded the Henry Ford Early College their third year of a four-year grant that totaled \$260,000. This year Henry Ford Early College received a check for \$58,600.

McCullough-Unis

The Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) 2010 Middle School Conference contest winners from McCullough-Unis are: Jamila Nasser, 7th Grade – Third Place, Best Feature Story, Newspaper Category; Maha Kandil-Elsayed, 7th Grade – Third Place, Best Photo, Newspaper Category.

Lowrey

Congratulations to media specialist, Karen Navarre from Lowrey School, for being awarded a \$500 grant from MEMIC Insurance.

Elementary

Oakman

Congratulations to Oakman School for their efforts to secure a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's. The "Toolbox for Education" grant was used in the kindergarten room to create different learning centers. The funds were also used to establish a computer carousel, a very large computer center that services 16 children at once.

Maples

Commendations to the Maples Drummers' Ensemble for their continued efforts to entertain and work as ambassadors for our district. The group has performed at many concerts and events during the fall and winter months. Thanks to Mrs. Prowse for her hard work and dedication to the group. She works very hard before and after school to prepare the students for the shows.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Middle School Preparation for High School Success

Associate Superintendent Gail Shenkman was joined by all of the middle school principals to present a report on the teaching and learning that is taking place in grades 6 through 8. Interventions, Co-Teaching, Differentiated Instruction, Extended Day, and Positive Behavior Support are just some of the programs and methods being used at the middle school level to ensure student success. The group also spoke about the different types of assessment and intervention programs for at-risk students.

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved a three-year contract in the amount of \$37,218.00 to provide Primary Rate Interface and associated long distance service.
- Approved a one-year extension of the Dell Partnership/Volume Purchase Agreement and authorized all purchases generated against it.
- Approved the Resolution outlining Financial Institutions Designations and Practices.
- Approved the Resolution for Collection of Taxes.
- Approved the November Financial Statement.
- Approved updating Policies 5460 and 5421.
- Approved the naming of the Stout Middle School gymnasium in honor of Tom Shamey.
- Approved an Executive Session (closed) on Monday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

RESIGNATION

Debra Adams, Dearborn, Custodial A, effective 11/29/10.

Asmahan Dagher, On Family Care Leave, Childcare Provider, effective 11/15/10.

Maral Karapetian, Fordson, Food Service Assistant, effective 12/22/10.

Christopher Kreger, Bryant, Physical Education Teacher, effective 6/30/11.

Laura Parcheta, On Extended Health Leave, Food Service Assistant, effective 12/14/10.

Kristen Stetz, Snow, Lead Childcare Provider, effective 1/1/11.

Kathleen Stone, Administrative Service Center, Special Education Coordinator I, effective 1/14/11.

RETIREMENT

Annette Berton, On Extended Health Leave, Bus Attendant (Full-Time), 21-1/4 years of service, effective 12/31/10.

Dora Campise, Whitmore-Bolles, Custodial C, 23-2/3 years of service, effective 1/4/11.

Robert Najmulski, Fordson, Custodial C, 16 years of service, effective 12/12/10.

OTHER SEVERANCE

Maria Hotait, Haigh, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 1/11/11.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mariam Ammar, Nowlin, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 1/3/11.

Pamela Canfield, On General Purpose Leave, Secretary IV, effective 1/8/11.

Fadia Dakroub, On Extended Health Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional (Bilingual), effective 12/13/10.

Eva Earley, William Ford, Custodial C, effective 12/15/10.

Lina Hammoud, On Extended Health Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 1/1/11.

Deborah Hinson, McCollough-Unis, Elementary Teacher, effective Fall 2011.

Alia Jaber, McDonald, Elementary Teacher, effective 11/30/10.

Salwa Jawad, Whitmore-Bolles, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 12/15/10.

Paula Wood, On Extended Health Leave, Custodial C, effective 1/10/11.

APPOINTMENT

Hoda Abboud, Custodial A, McCollough-Unis, effective 1/11/11.
Alexander Estrada, Custodial A, Henry Ford, effective 1/11/11.
Carmelita Haynes, Food Service Assistant, Lowrey, effective 1/11/11.
Robert Iuliano, Custodial A, Smith, effective 1/11/11.
Hala Kesserouani, Secretary II, Fordson, effective 1/11/11.
Maya Nasser, Secretary II (Bilingual), Fordson, effective 1/3/11.
Ramiah Qasem, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 1/3/11.
Arya Sharian, Secretary II, Miller, effective 1/11/11.
Alison Vertregt, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 1/3/11.

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ioana Cioca, Howe, Custodial C, effective 12/20/10.

SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE OF STATUS

Kyle Dold, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, from BA, Step 5, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 5, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 1/31/11.
Roger Hedglen, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, from BA, Step 7, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 7, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 1/31/11.

CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

Sandra Assaf, from Fordson, Secretary III, to Secretary IV, William Ford, effective 1/11/11.
Rodger Bartles, from Division of District Operations, Grounds (Favored Work), to DFSE President, effective 1/14/11.
Elizabeth McGreevy, from Salina Intermediate/Salina Elementary/DuVall, Secretary II, to Secretary III, Media Services/Community Education, Administrative Service Center, effective 1/11/11.

ACHIEVEMENT OF TENURE

Khamael Alaloom, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 1/2/11.
Nassrine Saad, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 11/27/10.
Linda Salamey, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 10/26/10.
Angela Succurro, McCollough/Unis, Elementary Teacher, effective 11/30/10.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

John Haugen, Language Arts Teacher, Fordson, deceased 1/3/11.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.
Monday, January 24, 2011, P-12 Executive Session (closed/negotiations), 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, January 24, 2011, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, February 14, 2011, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, February 21, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.