



The Board Report

A bulletin of actions taken by the Dearborn Board of Education

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SUPERINTENDENT' UPDATE

Dearborn, along with the other school districts in the state, is waiting to hear how the legislators will react to the Governor's proposed budget plan. The current proposal from the Governor would have about an \$18 million impact on the district. Dearborn understands that the state is in a new economy with less revenue and is asking that cuts be fair and that no one district or districts are singled out.

COMMENDATIONS

Secondary

Congratulations to the Dearborn Unified Figure Skating Team. For the third year in a row the team has won the District Title and will now go on to represent the district at the state competition.

Berry Career Center

Commendations to the 17 students who took part in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition at Schoolcraft College. Congratulations to the following students:

- Joshua Garcia – 1st Place, Pathophysiology
- Dania Hakim – 1st Place, Medical Assisting
- Yousef Mohamad, Khaled Faid, and Brian Graham – 2nd Place, Medical Reading
- Malek Ghandour, Ana Saucedo, and Amber Stanek – 3rd Place, Creative Problem Solving
- Yasmin Mallah – 3rd Place, Extemporaneous Health Poster
- Marie Wolski – 3rd Place, Physical Therapy/Sports Medicine

Dearborn High School

Congratulations and safe journey to the Dearborn High School Marching Band and to the staff and parents who are accompanying them on their journey to Ireland. The group left Monday morning on their trip to the Emerald Isle to march through the streets of Dublin during the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Congratulations to Dearborn High debate student Demond Glover for achieving the 2010-2011 Wayne/Oakland Legislative Debate Finals Award. His topic was legislation that would decrease Great Lakes water pollution.

Dearborn Magnet High School

Commendations to the students at the Dearborn Magnet High School for their efforts in the "Pennies for Patients" community service campaign. With the assistance of Mr. Riggs' and Ms. Naura's social studies students and building staff, the students raised over \$1,400 in just five days. The money will benefit the Children's Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Edsel Ford High School

Congratulations to Edsel Ford singers who competed at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival held at EMU. Earning "2" ratings were: Bruce Brown, Shelby Holmes, Melanie Probst, and Ozge Topaloglu. Earning "1" ratings were: Clare Russell, Annelise Folkema, and Ben Timpf. Many thanks to Mr. Haury for his countless hours of preparation and assistance to these fine singers!

Congratulations to the Edsel Ford Performing Arts Department for conducting their Annual Benefit Concert. The performance included singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Through their efforts, \$210 will be donated to the American Diabetes Association. Many thanks to all who participated and contributed, especially Shelby Holmes, Bruce Brown, and Jodie Blackberry.

Elementary

Congratulations to music teachers Cathy Prowse and Lisa Meyer for their contributions to a new book titled, "Alternative Approaches in Music Education." The team submitted a chapter that discussed the various approaches they have implemented in Dearborn to help build bridges between the many cultures represented in our schools. The book was published by The National Association for Music Education.

Congratulations to Snow Elementary teacher Ernie DeSantis for being one of the five teachers in the state selected as American Legion "Teachers of the Year." This award is based on teacher competence, community involvement, and school involvement in patriotism/Americanism. Each award winner will receive a \$500 grant to be used for an education project of their choice at their school. They will also receive a recognition plaque presented by the American Legion State Commander on June 24 at the American Legion state convention in Lansing.

Congratulations to Salina Elementary social worker Rola Bazzi-Gates for winning the School Social Worker of the Year award for Region A through the Michigan Association of School Social Workers. The presentation and award ceremony will be held May 6 at Wayne County RESA.

Commendations to the students at William Ford Elementary for their efforts to raise more than \$3,400 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The students took part in the "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser and collected spare change (and some dollars) from around the house and from friends and family.

Commendations to the STAND group at Howard Elementary. The students contributed more than \$3,000 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the "Pennies for Patients" program. Special thanks to teacher Linda Lippert for leading this group.

SPECIAL REPORTS

The Special Reports were cancelled due to the state not publicly releasing the MEAP data.

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved \$25,476.00 for 44 Avermedia Vision 355AF digital document cameras for classrooms at Woodworth Middle School.
- Approved contract, not to exceed \$60,000.00, for miscellaneous roofing repairs.
- Approved contract in the amount of \$48,905.00 for the abatement and removal of vinyl asbestos floor tiles in five schools.
- Approved contract in the amount of \$1,106,616.00 for the replacement of windows at Lowrey School.
- Approved contract in the amount of \$165,613.00 for the re-carpeting of William Ford Elementary School.
- Approved contract in the amount of \$27,164.00 for the purchase and installation of keys and cores at Fordson High School.
- Approved contract, not to exceed \$150,000.00, for tuckpointing and steel lintel replacement throughout the district.
- Approved contract, not to exceed \$24,116.00, for the removal of asbestos in the boiler rooms at McDonald, Oakman, and Woodworth Schools.
- Approved contract for roofing replacement at Snow, Howard, Lindbergh, Oakman, Edsel Ford, and Fordson Schools.
- Approved February Financial Statement.
- Approved an Executive Session (closed) be held on Monday, March 14, immediately following Board meeting, at the Administrative Service Center.
- Approved an Executive Session (closed) be held on Monday, March 21, at 5:30 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.
- Approved an Executive Session (closed) be held on Monday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
- Approved 2010-11 Wage Re-Opener Tentative Agreement between the Dearborn Board of Education and the UAW Local 174 Childcare Workers.

RESIGNATION

Gwendolyn Farrow, River Oaks, Receptionist/Clerk, effective 6/9/11.

Susan Johnson, H.F.C.C. Child Development Center, Childcare Provider, effective 3/4/11.

Janet Korany, On Laid Off Status, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 2/15/11.

RETIREMENT

Elaine Kapron, Miller, Elementary Teacher, 27 years of service, effective 6/30/11.

Marilyn Disbrow, Woodworth, Language Arts Teacher, 11-2/3 years of service, effective 3/31/11.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Christine Mack, Elementary Teacher, Maples, effective 3/9/11.

APPOINTMENT

John Abbruzzino, Custodial A, Miller, effective 3/15/11.
Rawa'a Al-Ghazali, Noon Hour Supervisor, Miller, effective 3/15/11.
Sharon Mathews, Secretary III, Fordson, effective 3/15/11.
Amal Najdi, Noon Hour Supervisor, Maples, effective 3/15/11.
Stephanie Salsberry, Custodial A, Snow, effective 3/15/11.
Sameerah Shareef, Noon Hour Supervisor, Maples, effective 3/15/11.

REAPPOINTMENT TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Heather Webber, Departmental Vocal Music Teacher, effective 3-7-11.

RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

David Robertson, Oakman, Custodial C, effective 3/7/11.

SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE OF STATUS

Najwa Arfan, Division of District Operations, from Bus Driver (Part-Time), to Bus Driver (Full-Time), Division of District Operations, 10 Months.
Alia Hamid, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, from BA, Step 2, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 2, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/30/10.
Jamie Nack, Fordson, Social Studies Teacher, from MA, Step 7, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA(30), Step 7, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 1/31/11.

ACHIEVEMENT OF TENURE

Wallayah Alheyasi, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 3/4/11.
Kristy Fecay, Elementary Teacher, McCollough/Unis, effective 2/12/11.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Athletic Code of Conduct

Mr. Brian Whiston, Mr. Robert Cipriano, Athletic Directors

The current academic eligibility for athletes is a 2.0 G.P.A. or better and passed 4 classes in the semester prior to the athletic season. The student must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. during the semester of athletic participation and must be passing 4 classes.

There are 2 semesters per year and there are 6 progress reports per year (3 per semester). The recommendation from the athletic directors would be that eligibility would be determined every 6 weeks (progress reports) rather than at the end of the semester. Students would need to have a 2.0 G.P.A. with 4 passing classes or 1.75 G.P.A. with no E's.

Policy Updates/Changes

Mr. Brian Whiston, Mr. David Mustonen

The Board Policy Committee met on March 10 to review 13 different policies. The recommended changes will keep the district in compliance with state and federal laws. Each policy was reviewed by district personnel and when needed the policy was reviewed by district attorneys. Policies brought to the Board at the March 14 meeting will be reviewed by the Board and a final vote on the new policies will occur at the March 28 or April 11 meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, March 14, 2011, P-12 Executive Session (closed/negotiations), immediately following Board meeting, at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, March 21, 2011, HFCC Executive Session (closed/negotiations), 5:30 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.
Monday, March 21, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.
Monday, March 28, 2011, P-12 Executive Session (closed/negotiations), 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, March 28, 2011, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, April 11, 2011, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
Monday, April 18, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.
Tuesday, April 26, 2011, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

