



The Board Report

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RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

COMMENDATIONS

District

Congratulations to the Salina Social Worker, Ms. Rola Bazzi-Gates, for being named the Michigan Association of School Social Workers, Region A, School Social Worker of the Year. Ms. Bazzi-Gates was selected after being nominated and then reviewed by a board of her peers. She represents a caliber of school social work that exemplifies the best in the profession. Ms. Bazzi-Gates was presented her award on May 6 during a special celebration at Wayne RESA. She will now be nominated for the State School Social Worker of the Year, an award that will be presented in the fall. We congratulate Rola on her award and thank her for all her hard work, dedication and service to the children in the district.

High School

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Otto Rowen Scholarship. These yearly scholarships are provided by the Rotary Club: Automotive - Resul Bahtijari, Edsel Ford; Business Education - Mason Agemy, Edsel Ford; Business Education - Fawzeih Daher, Dearborn; Design - Rana Hammoud, MBCC/Dearborn; Health Occupations/Therapeutic Services - Yasmin Mallah, MBCC/Dearborn; Health Occupations/Therapeutic Services - Marie Wolski, MBCC/Dearborn; Machine Tool/Manufacturing Technology - Zahraa Alakashi, Fordson; Marketing - Hannah Chandler, Dearborn; Welding Technology - Trevor Waller, Edsel Ford; Wood Technology - Connor Pettit, Edsel Ford.

Edsel Ford High School

Congratulations to Edsel Ford singers Annelise Folkema, Clare Russell, and Ben Timpf on their fine performances at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Annelise and Clare received "1s" in both their performance and overall ratings. Ben received a "1" in performance and a "2" overall. Thanks to John Haury for all his efforts as coach/accompanist and all their parents for supporting them.

Dearborn High School

Commendations to the Dearborn High girls' varsity swim team for posting the highest cumulative team GPA in the state this past fall. Kudos to coach Dawn Polk and all the swimmers for being successful in the pool and in the classroom.

Stout Middle School

Commendations to the students at Stout for their efforts to collect \$800 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Stout has contributed \$3,200 in total over the past few years.

Elementary

Congratulations to Dylan VanHaaren from DuVall, and Zeinab Alasaedi from Haigh for having their designs selected as this year's winners of the 2011 bookmark contest sponsored by the Dearborn Public Library. Only ten designs were selected as winners out of nearly 1,000 entries. A recognition event was held at the Centennial Library on May 1.

Congratulations to Lisa Meyer for being awarded a grant that will bring the Detroit Chamber Winds into our schools. Students will enjoy four assemblies that will feature the group. The assembly is based on the story "The Breman Town Musicians." Each main character in the story is represented by an instrument.

DuVall Elementary School

Commendations to Glenn Maleyko, Wyatt David, Bob Attee, and Jacki Alabakoff for their presentation at the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) conference. There were over 4,000 attendees at the conference this year and their sessions were highly attended. The purpose of the MACUL conference is to provide information, knowledge, and networking in order to assist schools and educators with the acceleration of a technology integrated curriculum for the benefit of the students. By providing three presentations at MACUL, the DuVall team was able to share their expertise with educational professionals while at the same time enhancing our own capacity to integrate technology throughout the curriculum. Attendees at our sessions were thoroughly impressed with the programmatic implementation of the DuVall technology model.

Commendations to the staff, students and parents for their efforts to make DuVall Literacy Night a huge success. More than 130 students attend Literacy Night. Every one of the DuVall core staff gave up their own time in the evening to support this great cause.

Snow Elementary School

Commendations to the students at Snow who held a mini-Relay for Life on April 15. Students participated in a week-long celebration of healthy living, including sun safety, healthy eating, tobacco-free pledges, and raising money to help fight cancer. The culminating event was a school-wide mini-relay with relay races, dancing palooza, walking the track, and jump-roping. Snow students raised over \$450 for the American Cancer Society during the week.

Congratulations to the students at Snow for raising over \$2,400 in March for Pennies for Pasta, for a total of almost \$20,000 in the nine years Snow has been involved in raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Mr. DeSantis' class raised the most at \$372; Mrs. Valmassoi's class followed at \$330; and Mrs. Davidson's class took third at \$231.

Henry Ford Elementary School

Congratulations to Henry Ford Elementary School for collecting \$1,914 in donations during their Jump Rope For Heart Week. Donations will go to the American Heart Association to help fight heart disease and stroke. The event is organized every year by physical education teacher, Mrs. Suaraz.

Commendations to physical education teacher, Mrs. Suarez, and the students from the Henry Ford Running Club who took part in the Mini Martian Marathon recently at Ford Field in Dearborn. Students had to run 25 miles before the event and after running the 1.2 mile race completed an entire marathon.

Nowlin Elementary School

Commendations to the teachers in the autism program at Nowlin for their recent event to raise awareness of autism. The evening featured fun, games, and raffles for all parents and students attending. Special thanks to Nowlin students Hannah Layman and Madelyn Cayton for taking part in the event.

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved \$87,246.00 for Successmaker reading and math grades K-8 curriculum, licenses, maintenance and support for Special Education in elementary schools.
- Approved \$23,207.00 to provide and install playground equipment at Cotter School.
- Approved \$27,901.00 for the replacement of food serving line equipment for the cafeteria at McDonald School.
- Approved contract in the amount of \$21,815.00 for exterior doors at Stout Middle School.
- Approved contract for the reconstruction and repaving of asphalt parking lots and play areas at Becker, Howard, Long, Oakman, and Whitmore-Bolles Elementary Schools.
- Approved April Financial Report.
- Approved policy updates/changes.
- Approved Dearborn Federation of Teachers contract.
- Approved Resolution for District Auditors 2011.
- Approved Resolution for Schools of Choice.
- Approved Participation of Wayne RESA Center Program Agreement.
- Approved Resolution of Wayne RESA 2011-2012 budget.
- Approved Cooperative Agreement with Wayne-Westland Schools for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Approved Cooperative Agreement with Dearborn Heights District #7.
- Approved Executive Session (closed) on Monday, May 16, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.
- Approved Executive Session (closed) on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

RESIGNATION

Gwendolyn Farrow, River Oaks, Receptionist/Clerk, effective 4/8/11.

Karen Julian, On Extended Health Leave, Elementary Teacher, effective 4/11/11.

Judith Pellegrino, On Extended Health Leave, Custodial A, effective 4/22/11.

Kelli VandenBosch, DuVall, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 4/11/11.

Matthew Wandrie, Human Resources, Administrative Service Center, Director, effective 6/30/11.

RETIREMENT

Deborah Albrecht, Woodworth, Assistant Principal, 25 years of service, effective 6/30/11.

Dora Budahn, Lindbergh Elementary, Teacher, 25 years of service, effective 6/30/11.

Diane Gutowski, District-Wide, Paraprofessional/Instructional, 21-1/2 years of service, effective 7/31/11.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Etab Charara, On Child Care Leave, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective Fall 2011.

Fadia Dakroub, On Extended Health Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional (Bilingual), effective 4/13/11.

Mirvat Dimachk, On Personal Leave, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective Fall 2011.

Intissar Fernandez, On Personal Leave, Mathematics Teacher, effective Fall 2011.

Jason Ferry, On Extended Health Leave, Custodial A, effective 5/2/11.

Lina Hammoud, On Extended Health Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 5/1/11.

Alia Jaber, On Child Care Leave, Elementary Teacher, effective Fall 2011.

Bryan Kelley, Bryant, Custodial A, effective 6/2/11.

OTHER SEVERANCE

Charles Horn, Oakman, Custodial C, effective 5/10/11.

Steven Johnson, Cotter, Custodial C, effective 5/10/11.

APPOINTMENT

Luljeta Ala, Noon Hour Supervisor, DuVall, effective 5/10/11.

Lamont Dixon, Custodial A, McCollough/Unis, effective 5/10/11.

CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION

John Forystek, from Dearborn, Grounds, to Custodial C, at a location to be determined, effective 5/10/11.

SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE OF STATUS

Lisa Bonza, from Snow, Lead Childcare Provider, 12 Months, to Lead Childcare Provider, Whitmore-Bolles, 10 Months, effective 4/26/11.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, May 16, 2011, HFCC Executive Session (closed), 6:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.

Monday, May 16, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.

Monday, May 23, 2011, P-12 Executive Session (closed), at 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, May 23, 2011, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, June 12, 2011, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, June 20, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.

Monday, June 27, 2011, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.