



# The Board Report

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

### **Agenda Items**

Superintendent Whiston thanked the members of the DFSE negotiating team and the members of the Board negotiating team for successfully reaching a contract agreement. Members of the DFSE ratified the contract over the weekend and the Board is scheduled to vote later in the meeting.

### **Non-Agenda Items**

The Superintendent thanked the students from the Dearborn Public Schools and Henry Ford Community College who took part in the City of Dearborn's September 11 Candlelight Vigil at the Henry Ford Museum. District-wide students and staff paused for a moment of reflection and remembrance on Friday, September 9.

The district is one step closer to securing \$100 per pupil funding from the state through their Best Practices program. Mr. Whiston reported that the district has met the required 4 out of 5 best practice requirements and will most likely meet all five. Once the legislation is passed the district will send documentation to the state demonstrating the district's compliance with the program.

## **RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **Recognition of New Staff**

Mr. Glenn Maleyko, Director of Human Resources, and Mr. Robert Seeterlin, Assistant Director of Human Resources, welcomed new teachers and administrative staff to the district and introduced them to the Board.

### **Contribution to Anti-Bullying Effort – Commissioner Gary Woronchak**

Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak presented the Board with a \$20,000 county grant to be used toward the district's Response to Bullying program. Woronchak explained that the funding was from a county PASS grant. PASS (Prevention Action Services System) provides grants for programs that help young people develop academically and socially and to avoid the juvenile justice system. School officials were pleased to learn of the grant and expressed gratitude to Woronchak for taking the initiative and quick action to obtain the funds.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **Review of Opening Day of School**

Superintendent Whiston, Associate Superintendents, Dr. Gail Shenkman and Dr. Jill Chochol, and Director of Operations, Mr. Jeff Burek, provided the Board with an overview of back to school activities for staff and students. Several staff development sessions took place before students returned. Sixty-eight staff members delivered training to more than 500 teachers during the professional development days. Opening day went smooth across the district as students returned to school. Mr. Burek played a video that showed several big projects being completed at schools across the district.

### **District Literacy (Reading/Writing Focus)**

This year there will be a district-wide focus on reading and writing at all grade levels, in all subjects across the district. Elementary grades will continue their work with Daily 5 and CAFÉ with expansion of the program into grade 6 by second semester. Professional development at the secondary level will focus on reading, writing and geometry.

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved \$75,150.00 for virus protection software for the Media and Information Technology Department.
- Approved \$360,000.00 to provide supplementary, out-of-district, special needs bus runs.
- Approved September Financial Statement.
- Approved resolution authorizing issuance of 2011 community college refunding bonds.
- Approved declaration of 2011 summer school graduates.

- Approved designation of voting delegates to represent the Board of Education at the MASB Delegate Assembly to on Thursday, October 27, 2011.
- Approved Cooperative Adult Education Agreement between the Dearborn Public Schools and Garden City Public Schools.
- Approved appointment of Joseph Martin to Elementary Assistant Principal of Maples Elementary School, effective 9/6/11.
- Approved appointment of David Higgins, II, to Elementary Assistant Principal of William Ford Elementary School, effective 9/6/11.
- Approved appointment of Khalid Adbulla to Intermediate School Assistant Principal of Salina Intermediate School, effective 9/12/11.
- Approved appointment of Robert Attee to Middle School Assistant Principal of Woodworth Middle School, effective 9/7/11.
- Approved appointment of Kelly Dear to Middle School Assistant Principal of Bryant Middle School, effective 9/12/11.

### **RESIGNATION**

**Eiman Altahif**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 8/29/11.

**Karen Drogowski**, Nowlin, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 9/30/11.

**Tamara Dust**, Accounting, Administrative Service Center, Accounting Services Supervisor, effective 9/9/11.

**Julie Kowalewski**, On Laid Off Status, Instrumental Music Teacher, effective 8/23/11.

**Sarah Lindroth**, H.F.C.C. Childcare Development Center, Lead Childcare Provider, effective 9/2/11.

**Amy Mathers**, Woodworth, Food Service Assistant, effective 8/30/11.

**Marcia Miller**, Cotter, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 8/29/11.

**Kristi Payne**, Bryant, Food Service Assistant, effective 9/1/11.

**Cheryl Rosinski**, Nowlin, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 9/2/11.

**Tina Sawyer**, Dearborn, Food Service Assistant, effective 9/8/11.

### **RETIREMENT**

**Salvatore Angotti**, At a location to be determined, Building Operations Specialist, 30-1/2 years of service, effective 8/31/11.

**Joan Bono**, Bryant, Mathematics Teacher, 33 years of service, effective 9/1/11.

**Daniel Czarney**, Dearborn, Custodial A, 10-2/3 years of service, effective 9/1/11.

**Patricia Schook**, Salina Elementary, Paraprofessional/Instructional, 19-1/4 years of service, effective 6/17/11.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Jason Ferry**, On Extended Health Leave, Custodial A, effective 7/14/11.

### **APPOINTMENT**

**Seena Ankouni**, Elementary Teacher, Lowrey, effective 9/6/11.

**Angelo Aquino**, Art Teacher, Michael Berry Career Center, effective 9/7/11.

**Cathy Cherico**, Departmental Moderately Cognitively Impaired Teacher, effective 9/1/11.

**Robert Cundy**, Mathematics Teacher, Dearborn, effective 9/12/11.

**Priscilla Darwish**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/6/11.

**Randa Dimachki**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/9/11.

**Amrieh Eljahmi**, Secretary IV, Salina Elementary, effective 9/13/11.

**Anita Harrigan**, Physical Education Teacher, McCollough/Unis, effective 9/1/11.

**Sali Hermiz**, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/1/11.

**Ashley Krawczyk**, Departmental Moderately Cognitively Impaired Teacher (Part-Time), effective 9/6/11.

**Taqwaa Mohamed**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/6/11.

**Brent Proctor**, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/1/11.

**Maya Rababeh**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/7/11.

**Danielle Shamey**, Science/Social Studies Teacher, Bryant, effective 9/12/11.

**Natalie Sikora**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/1/11.

**Nora Soofi**, Mathematics Teacher, Lowrey, effective 9/19/11.

**Kevin Wetmore**, Physical Education Teacher, Smith, effective 9/1/11.

**Kathy Wroblewski**, Lead Childcare Provider, Snow, effective 9/13/11.

### **REAPPOINTMENT TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

**Martin Brown**, Bryant, Mathematics/Language Arts Teacher, effective 8/29/11.

**Hanaa Faraj**, Lowrey, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/2/11.

**Fadia Habbab**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/1/11.

**Rana Hassna**, Lowrey, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/6/11.  
**Nada Hayan**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/2/11.  
**Diebh Mozham**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/1/11.  
**Ramiah Qasem**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 8/29/11.  
**Michael Riggs**, Michael Berry Career Center, Social Studies Teacher, effective 8/29/11.  
**Amanda Stegner**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/1/11.  
**Alison Vertregt**, Whitmore-Bolles, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/6/11.  
**Jennifer Williams**, Departmental Art Teacher (Part-Time), effective 8/29/11.

#### **REAPPOINTMENT TO NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF**

**Dalal Atris**, Lowrey, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Marilyn Bossio**, Haigh, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Pamela Carstea**, Smith, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Dolores Latosh**, Cotter, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/12/11.  
**Daniel Mahoney**, Smith, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Sherri Maibaum**, Nowlin, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Suria Nehme**, Whitmore-Bolles, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/12/11.  
**Kimberly Pilachowski**, Edsel Ford, Paraprofessional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Maha Safieddine**, McDonald, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Ruth Sorensen**, Nowlin, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Joeslyn Wehbe**, Lowrey, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.

#### **RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Mariam Ammar**, Howe, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Leila Beydoun**, Miller, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 9/7/11.  
**Dawn Demos**, Howard, Lead Childcare Provider, effective 9/7/11.  
**Norman Hammoud**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 8/29/11.

#### **SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE OF STATUS**

**Michelle Abeli**, Departmental Resource Room Teacher, from BA, Step 5, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 6, Schedule P-12 Teacher'; effective 8/29/11.  
**Therese Dowgiallo**, Woodworth, Mathematics/Science Teacher, from MA, Step 14, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA(30), Step 15, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/29/11.  
**Nadia Moussa**, Fordson, Mathematics Teacher, from BA, Step 3, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA, Step 4, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 8/29/11.  
**Julie Trout**, from Childcare Manager, Haigh/DuVall, Howard, to Childcare Manager, Snow, effective 8/22/11.

#### **CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION**

**John Kaniowski**, from Heat Mechanic, Skilled C, Division of District Operations, to Heat Mechanic Leader, Skilled C, Division of District Operations, effective 9/8/11.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT OF TENURE**

**Mariam Elkadri**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/10/11.  
**Hiba Hamade**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/3/11.  
**Nadia Moussa**, Mathematics Teacher, Fordson, effective 9/12/11.  
**Teffaha Mroue**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/6/11.  
**Nahrain Nagi**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/9/11.  
**Lina Saad**, Departmental Bilingual Teacher, effective 9/5/11.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday, September 19, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.  
Monday, September 26, 2011, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.  
Monday, October 10, 2011, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.  
Monday, October 17, 2011, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.  
Monday, October 24, 2011, P-12 Board Study Session, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.