



# The Board Report

A bulletin of actions taken by the Dearborn Board of Education

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## **RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### **Board Appreciation**

January is School Board Recognition Month and Dearborn Public Schools is joining 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

“On behalf of the staff, students, and parents I want to thank our Board members for their service to our community and the hours of time they have dedicated to making the Dearborn Public Schools a great place for children to learn,” commented Mr. Brian Whiston, Superintendent of the Dearborn Public Schools.

In Dearborn, School Board Trustees oversee both the K-12 district and serve as Trustees to Henry Ford Community College. They must also balance family and career demands while pursuing their own professional development to stay on top of the ever-changing education landscape. School Board members develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility and oversight of 19,000 students, 2,300 employees, 35 buildings, and an annual budget of \$200 million.

### **Commendations**

Commendations were read by Ricky Mohammed Sareini from Fordson High School.

#### **Fordson High School**

Congratulations to the following teams and individuals from Fordson High School for their accomplishments:

##### Football

WWAC Blue Division Champs

All-League – Ali Farran, Ahmad Leila, Michael Berry, Kassem Makki, Billy Bazzi, Zane Baidoun

Detroit Free Press and Detroit News All-State Division 1 – Ahmad Leila

Detroit Free Press and Detroit News All-Metro West First Team – Ahmad Leila, Michael Berry

##### Cross Country

All-League – Amer Abusabha

All-League/All-City – Khalil Aljahmi

##### Soccer

All-League – Motasem Mansoub, Moussa Diallo

##### Tennis

All-State – TEAM GPA 3.73

All-League – Ameen Thalji, Mohamad Omais

All-City – Ameen Thalji, Mohamad Omais, Mo Akhdar

City and League Champion #1 Singles – Ameen Thalji

League Champion #2 Singles – Mohamad Omais

Commendations to the Fordson Key Club for their help during the annual Christmas Dance at the Ford Performing Arts Center. Students had the opportunity to interact with guests that are physically and mentally challenged. They also helped set up, clean up, and in between served refreshments.

#### **Dearborn High School**

Congratulations to Dearborn High sophomore Sascha Meyers who was recognized for her musical talent at the annual Fairlane Sunrise Rotary-Giving Breakfast. Fairlane Sunrise Rotary sponsored Sascha with a scholarship of \$500.

Commendations to the Dearborn High students, led by Maddison Moore, who are involved in the “Pause for Paws” Club at Dearborn High. The group recently applied for and received a grant through the Invisible Fence Company to provide the Dearborn Fire Department with pet oxygen masks and resuscitation kits to save pets rescued in home fires.

### **Edsel Ford High School**

Congratulations to the Edsel Ford High School Chamber Strings, under the direction of Mike Kalasz, for their outstanding pre-concert musical performance at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center.

### **River Oaks Elementary School**

Congratulations to River Oaks teacher, Ms. Jan Holmes, for being nominated as a Michigan Teacher of the Year. Ms. Holmes is one of the select teachers in the state who will be considered for the Teacher of the Year Award.

### **Haigh Elementary School**

Congratulations to Haigh Elementary School for raising the most money during the recent "Beggin' for Bones" annual fundraiser that benefits the Dearborn Animal Shelter. Haigh fifth-graders were the top donors, giving \$440 and winning the 2011 Golden Bone Award and framed certificate.

### **DuVall Elementary School**

Congratulations to DuVall Elementary School for their efforts to collect food and toys for animals at the Dearborn Animal Shelter. The students toured the facility and helped out with kitty socializing.

### **William Ford Elementary School**

Congratulations to the students at William Ford Elementary School for their efforts to collect more than 1,700 items of food for the needy. The school also held a special Hat Day event and raised \$220 that was donated to Gleaners Food Bank. In addition, first grade students raised \$109 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### **Oakman Elementary School**

Congratulations to Oakman Elementary School for their efforts to collect 4,208 cans during their annual "Can the Principal" can drive that benefits Focus Hope. The Director of Focus Hope visited the school and said the school's contribution is the biggest donation of the year. The school also donated toys from the staff to Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor with a letter from Oakman students to the patients.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **District Literacy**

Dr. Gail Shenkman and Dr. Jill Chochol spoke about the continued work by students and staff using Daily 5 and CAFÉ. This strategy is being used to improve literacy in the elementary grades and will be implemented at the sixth grade level starting the second semester of the 2011-12 school year.

### **Secondary Options**

Dr. Gail Shenkman provided the Board with information on the programs and classes available to students in grades six through eight. For middle school students classes available beyond the core classes include: Band, Orchestra, Computer Applications, Multimedia, Life Skills, Technology, Art, French, Spanish, Arabic, Drama, Vocal Music, and Music Connections. There are also several different intervention programs to help struggling students before they fall behind and accelerated classes for students requiring an extra challenge.

At the high school level students have a variety of options starting in ninth grade. There are intervention programs such as Freshman Foundations, Read 180, Carnegie Math, additional reading and writing classes, and additional math classes. Students can also take advantage of honors classes, advance placement, dual enrollment, Career and Technical Education programs, Berry Career Center programs, Dearborn Center for Math, Science and Technology, Early College program, and the Magnet High School. Last year students took more than 1,120 AP classes and were enrolled in 1,514 college classes through the district's dual enrollment program. The district has more dual enrolled students than any other district in the state.

### **Athletic Revenues**

Mr. Robert Cipriano, Director of Business Services, provided the Board with a report on athletic revenue for the fall of 2011. In total \$102,410 was collected. Most of that came from gate receipts that totaled \$83,815. The remainder came from the sale of student passes, passes sold by the Booster Clubs and a very small amount, \$1,000, from other sources. All ticket revenue generated by the sale of athletic passes sold by the Booster Clubs is turned over to the district. The Board encouraged the administration to look at creating consistencies among pricing at the high school level. The Board also thanked the Booster Clubs for their continued support of students and our schools. The Board would like to see increased attendance at all school events, commenting that increased attendance would lead to increased concession sales which would help the Booster organizations. The Board made it very clear that they support our Booster Clubs and want to help them in their efforts to support student athletics.

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved Resolution outlining Financial Institutions Designations and Practices.
- Approved Resolution for Collection of Taxes.
- Approved \$32,335.00 for the purchase of the Folio Writing Assessment System.
- Approved December Financial Statement.
- Approved Resolution for Adoption of 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Revision for 2011-2012.
- Approved Special Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
- Approved Special Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.
- Approved expulsion of Salina Intermediate School student.

## **RESIGNATION**

**Maria Ayers**, Henry Ford, Noon Hour Supervisor, effective 12/4/11.

**Pamela Canfield**, On General Purpose Leave, Secretary IV, effective 12/8/11.

**Hassan Mokkaled**, Fordson, Custodial A, effective 1/10/12.

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Rochelle Cameron**, Departmental Physical Therapist, effective 1/9/12.

**Sharon Clifton**, On General Purpose Leave, Bus Attendant (Part-Time), effective 12/15/11.

**Jason Ferry**, On Extended Health Leave, Custodial A, effective 12/27/11.

**Lina Hammoud**, On Extended Health Leave, Paraprofessional/Instructional, effective 1/1/12.

## **APPOINTMENT**

**Catherine Debiasi**, Noon Hour Supervisor, Snow, effective 1/12/12.

**Rawan Jfailan**, Elementary Teacher, William Ford, effective 1/9/12.

**Michael McDowell**, Mail Courier, Division of District Operations, effective 1/10/12.

**Colette Richards**, Receptionist/Clerk, Henry Ford Early College, effective 1/10/12.

**Sarah Shoucair**, Science Teacher, Stout, effective 1/23/12.

**Alyssa Tomasik**, Departmental Special Education Resource Room Teacher, effective 1/9/12.

**Rebecca Wilson**, Food Service Assistant, Lowrey, effective 1/10/12.

## **RETURN FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Carol Allie**, Whitmore-Bolles, Childcare Provider, effective 1/9/12.

**Cheryl Guzik**, Becker/Miller, Secretary II, effective 1/9/12.

## **SALARY SCHEDULE CHANGE OF STATUS**

**Jamie Rhodes**, Snow, Enrichment Teacher, from MA(30), Step 12, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; to MA(60), Step 12, Schedule P-12 Teachers'; effective 1/30/12.

## **CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION**

**Nadwa Elhaddi**, from Secretary II, Lowrey, to Secretary III, McCollough/Unis, effective date to be determined.

**Patricia Hartman**, from Salina Elementary, Food Service Assistant, to Bus Attendant (Part-Time), Division of District Operations, effective 1/9/12.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.

Monday, January 23, 2012, P-12 Special Meeting, 5:30 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, January 23, 2012, P-12 Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, January 23, 2012, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, February 13, 2012, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.

Monday, February 20, 2012, Regular HFCC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at Henry Ford Community College.

Monday, February 27, 2012, P-12 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Service Center.