

## **Board Briefs**

### **Wednesday, January 19, 2011**

#### Information and Reports

1. January is School Board Recognition Month. BOE members were thanked and recognized for their dedication to the district. Several students from the LE were involved in thanking the board.
2. The School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. One board seat is open. Deadline for submitting nominating petitions is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the Paw Paw District Library Board has three open seats and will be asking voters to approve a \$2.9 million bond issue for the construction of a new district library. It is anticipated that the millage associated with the request will be less than .5 mills for 30 years.
3. Barb Khaja was congratulated for achieving the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification by the Association for School Business Officials International (ASBO).
4. Interest has been shown by Devereaux Saw Mill to harvest selected timber from the school forest. The Board will discuss this at its next meeting.
5. The Paw Paw Youth BB/SB Organization informed the board of improvement efforts at the Johnson Street BB/SB Complex which included dugout upgrades and replacement.
6. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at PPHS. More details will be forthcoming.
7. A Mediation Hearing to address the issues regarding the Later Elementary roof will be held on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
8. The Rubber Duck Regatta netted \$8500 for the Excellence in Education Fund. Funds were distributed recently to PPHS staff to support a variety of projects benefitting our students. Thanks were extended to the sponsoring organizations and staff members who applied for funds.
9. The Wolverine Conference heard about the departure of Gull Lake from the league. Gull Lake has been accepted by the SMAC. League officials are looking at options about filling the vacancy and possibly expanding and the league.
10. The Board will be giving out \$1000 in scholarship monies this spring from funds provided by the American Association of School Administrators. A board sub-committee was appointed to establish criteria for the selection of recipient(s).
11. Superintendent Bielang presented an overview of the upcoming AdvancEd accreditation visit along with the various activities and requirements associated with accreditation.
12. A sub-committee was appointed to review the proposed Gates Drain Easement and make recommendation to the Board for action.

#### Actions

The following items were approved:

1. Budget Amendment Resolution
2. Fund Balance Assignment Resolution
3. Resolution Calling Regular School Election
4. Policy 2300 review
5. Board member attendance at the LRN Conference and the Governor's Education Summit
6. Letter of Intent to join an ISD-wide Health Benefits Cooperative
7. A Special Meeting of the Board on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to hear the QAR Team exit report
8. GSRP Resolution
9. December Meeting Minutes, Monthly Bills and Financial Reports
10. Several MS Schedule C assignments for the winter season

#### Discussion Items

1. Revisions to Policies 2200 and 2201 were discussed and moved forward for second reading.
2. The sub-committee addressing the HS Drive/Red Arrow Hwy intersection updated the board about its recent meeting. The committee will be meeting again next month to continue discussion.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20. Next meeting: February 9, 2011.