

Board Briefs
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Information and Reports

1. Our Football team is playing in the Regionals this Friday at Zeeland West. Game time is 7:00p.m.
2. PPS students will be presenting the play “Promedy” this weekend at the PAC. Performances are Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 and Sunday at 3:00.
3. Soil borings will be made this weekend at the HS entrance drive as the board evaluates improvement options to the intersection.
4. Contracts for the rebuilding of the soccer field structures have been signed. Work should commence shortly.
5. The Van Buren County Association of School Boards will meet next week at Lawton HS.
6. Legislation regarding school board member elections is moving toward approval. If signed by the Governor, elections will be held in November of even-numbered years.
7. The District was presented with a banner and plaque from AdvancED for achieving district accreditation last spring.
8. Several district administrators attended the Michigan Virtual University Symposium earlier this week to learn more about blended instruction. PPS is one of 28 Partners in Innovation with MVU seeking to identify how technology can best be used to support teaching and learning.
9. The MS Principal position has been posted. To date nearly 30 applications have been received.
10. A group of Russian journalists will be visiting the district on Nov. 10th. The delegation is here to learn more about school accountability, standardized testing, and other contemporary education issues.
11. District auditors have completed the district’s Financial Audit and presented a report to the board.
12. A Monitoring Report for Policy 1300 – Mutual Benefits was presented and approved by the board.

Actions

1. Approved previous month’s Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports and Monthly Bills.
2. Received and Filed the list of teachers achieving tenure and a Schedule C appointment.
3. After a Closed Session Meeting agreed to work with the law firm of Straub, Seaman & Allen regarding a legal matter.
4. Tabled for discussion at the December meeting the following two items: Headlee Override/Non-Homestead millage and MASB Fall Conference Update.

Discussion

1. Discussed Board member attendance at Parent – Teacher Conferences later in November.
2. After a presentation by representatives of Perspectives Consulting Group, discussed the upcoming visioning process and provided input for the survey.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50. Next Meeting: December 14th.