

Board Briefs

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Information & Reports

1. Enrollment as of this date is slightly above what was projected. We are above projections in grades K-8 by about 55 students and below projections in grades 9-12 by about 40 students. K-12 we currently have 2160 students. As a comparison our fall 2010 count was 2149. Y-5's – Alternative Education numbers are still being determined but appear to be down from last year. The official count day this year is Wednesday, October 5th.
2. We have received 107 Schools of Choice applications. Thus far 103 have been accepted. Of those accepted 33 have previously been attending PPS while 63 are new to the district. The remaining six are transfers from private schools. In total we have approximately 275 SOC students attending PPS.
3. Only one bid was received for re-building the three damaged structures at the HS soccer field. That bid was rejected and we will be re-bidding the project.
4. Western Michigan University has reinstated the Incentive Scholarship Program designed to challenge and motivate economically disadvantaged students as they enter ninth grade. Five PPS students have been identified and, if successful, will receive a full tuition scholarship from WMU.

Actions

1. Approved meeting minutes, monthly bills and financial reports from the previous month.
2. Approved the hiring of Lori Reo to fill the secretarial position at the Middle School.
3. Approved the filling of several Schedule B and C positions.
4. Appointed Pat Lynch, Jody Williford, Diane Vandenberg and Karen Ayres as delegates to the MASB Fall Conference.
5. Approved the annual calendar for the board along with goals and objectives for 2011-12.
6. Gave approval for five board members to attend the MASB Fall Conference.

Discussion

1. Discussed board member experiences at the various open house activities held in the district and discussed attendance at parent-teacher conferences.
2. Discussed next steps regarding the PPHS Entry/Exit Driveway Study. The board asked the superintendent to develop a process for further examining the study committee's short term solution. That solution calls for additional improvements along Red Arrow Highway and the installation of a yellow blinking light.

3. The board participated in a “visioning” activity as a follow-up to one of the NCA required actions. Board input will be folded in with input from others involved in the process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2011.