

BOARD SUMMARY
November 12, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Board of Education 2013
President – Sue Murray; Vice President – Paul C. Knott;
Secretary – Dr. Darlene L. Pomponio; Treasurer – W. Kirk Hayhurst
Trustees - Patricia Graziani, Amanda Kremer, Rebecca Reed-Hall

PRESENTATIONS

2012-2013 DISTRICT AUDIT, HUNGERFORD AND COMPANY - Mike Georges, Hungerford and Company, said he met with the Finance Committee last week to review the audit. The statements represent the respective financial position of the district and the changes for the year are in accordance with accounting principles. Mr. Georges reviewed the general fund balance sheet that represents the fund deficit balances from last year to this year. The budget reflected a favorable variance and is mainly due to insurance costs and the timeline of getting the statements.

The audit reflects a \$4.9 million deficit and Mr. Georges said this is in violation of the state law. However the district is working with the State of Michigan with the required Deficit Elimination Plan for districts in deficit. He reviewed fund balances for the past years, the revenue sources, and expenditures by function.

DISCUSSION

FINANCE - Ms. McLachlan said the 2013-2014 Amended General Fund Operating Budget and the Revised Deficit Elimination Plan are being presented for approval this evening. The revisions are based on our audit and current student count. She reviewed the current amended budget compared to the budget the board amended on September 17, 2013. Ms. McLachlan reported on the 2012-2013 actual budget and the current 2013-2014 budget. This report shows the district in a deficit in June 2014 of (\$2,572,659).

She also gave an overview of the increases/decreases in revenue and expenditures for the two years, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 and explained the changes.

Mr. Grusecki said we adopted a budget in June, amended the budget the end of September and again this evening. We will have another amendment the end of January or the beginning of February and possibly another after that and the last amendment will be in June 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Grusecki reported on the Data Walks the district is using to identify learning targets in the classrooms. Administrators had four days of training by the Flippen Group. This information is being shared with the teaching staff and the response is positive. Jill Pastor has made a commitment to do data walks with principals. Jill will have a Professional Development presentation for the Board in December.

Mr. Grusecki said JROTC will make their annual presentation to the Board on December 3rd. He congratulated the band, the band boosters, parents and Mr. Dan Walsh for an outstanding season. The band placed third in their flight at the state competition. He reminded the Board of Beacon's Thanksgiving Feast Thursday, November 21st.

He brought everyone up to date on the propositions legislators are discussing on mandatory retention and also moving from color score cards to letter grades.

The Policy Committee will begin to meet and revise and update our current policies. Neola was approved to coordinate this process and we will begin committee meetings in December.

Mr. Grusecki said the MASA Systemic School Reform Committee was created by the MASA Executive in April 2013 to analyze Michigan's public education and development recommendations to improve the system. This committee included twenty-five local and ISD superintendents and MASA staff and they have twenty recommendations to reform Michigan Schools. He highlighted areas and said this topic is on the Wayne County Superintendents' meeting agenda for Friday.

Our Deficit Elimination Plan was approved last week and he thanked Theresa McLachlan as she put a tremendous amount of work into this process. Mr. Grusecki will be meeting with administration next week to review second semester and possible reductions in expenses that will not affect classroom instruction.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED:

2012-2013 District Audit

2013-2014 Amended General Operating Fund Budget

Revised Deficit Elimination Plan – November 12, 2013

Superintendent's Retirement effective June 30, 2013

Human Resource Updates - New Hires – Hayley Cameron at Anderson and Wilfredo Buan at Latch Key; Retirements – Denise Garcia and Carol Muciek; Resignations – Jennifer Leonard and Karen Senior.

Anderson High School Virtual Enterprises Trip to Pigeon Forge, TN / 2013 VE TN Network Trade Show

Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary
Board of Education