

BOARD SUMMARY
October 1, 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

DISCUSSION

FINANCE - Ms. McLachlan said the field work for the audit is complete and Hungerford staff is working on reports. The official presentation will be presented to the Board November 12th. She explained the changes in revenue expenditures. Overall the projected deficit will be less than budgeted. Auditors will go into more detail.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT – Ms. Sarah Johnson said this was her 14th year working with the Elementary Summer School Program. There were 142 students enrolled in literacy and / or math and there were nine staff members. Almost every child increased a level or more. Class sizes were reduced this year and it was beneficial for students. Surveys from ninety-three parents had no negative comments. The program was funded with Title I and the cost was less than \$20,000.

TECHNOLOGY – Mike Toschi reported on changes made in the Technology Department. Closing three buildings and all the changes created more work with the removal and reassigning of equipment. They updated the home directories and email servers. The change to MISTAR took a great deal of time. Southgate was the only district in Wayne County that had been using another student information system. RESA has been very responsive to our needs. Staff reduction in his department also compounded the problem.

The security project is completed and controls for door access and cameras have been installed. They are still working and learning the new system.

Seventy computers were moved to Beacon from Gerisch and Beacon's computers were recycled. When Beacon moves to Gerisch next year, these computers will be relocated with the program. They require 20 offices and we will soon begin to plan that more. Title I equipment can only be used in a Title I building.

Mr. Toschi said there are items that will need to be addressed in the near future and it would be nice to have a sinking fund for technology. Items that need to be updated are a new phone system, service and network infrastructure and elementary school computer replacements.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Grusecki said we had a building issue at Anderson last week and school was closed to repair a water problem. We are looking to sell equipment from Chormann, i.e., boilers, etc. This building is considered impaired and in order to value it at zero there has to be nothing of value in the building. It is required to be empty.

Administration, union representatives and board members met with Department of Education staff to review our plan. We must have a revised deficit elimination plan on or before October 15, 2013 or they will withhold our November state aid payment.

Ms. McLachlan said at the last meeting the board approved the amended budget and revised deficit elimination plan. The State did not approve this and it has to be amended as we have a labor issue. Our spending over the next two years will be determined on how it affects our students.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED:

Certify Sue Murray as the delegate for the 2013 MASB Delegate Assembly
Resolutions to open and maintain two additional bank accounts at Huntington Bank
Tenure for Dominic Beaudrie and Lindsey Brewster
Human Resources Updates – New Hires, Retirees, and Resignations

Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary
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