

**BOARD SUMMARY**  
**September 10, 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 she heard from the Michigan Department of Education on the updated Deficit Elimination Plan submitted. They had several questions and she answered them and they accepted the plan as submitted.

At the September 17 Board Meeting she will present an Amended 2013-2014 Budget for approval as well as an Amended Deficit Plan.

The open enrollment for the Flexible Plan will be open for employees through September 30, 2013 to become effective October 1, 2013. There is a new procedure and representatives from American Fidelity Assurance Company will be in buildings to meet with staff and discuss this program. The requirement for this program is included for action this evening.

The auditors are in the office and we should have a preliminary report by the first meeting in October. Hungerford will present the final audit to the Board in November.

**CURRICULUM** - Ms. Pastor reported the Michigan School Accountability Scorecards now will use a color coding system to indicate school performance and combine traditional accountability metrics with Top-to-Bottom priority and focus school designations and other state/federal requirements. As a result, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) no longer will be reported.

She showed PowerPoint that reported the status for each school. The District Scorecard overall is 67%. This score includes all schools, Asher and Beacon, and Ms. Pastor explained reasons why we are looking into separating these programs. This information can be viewed on the MDE website.

**NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS** - New staff members were introduced: Barbara Coccimiglio, Spanish teacher at local parochial schools; Randy DeRyckere, Beacon Program math teacher; Kristen Meck and Faith Sheptoski-Forbush are GED instructors at Asher.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Grusecki said we had a successful opening for the 2013-2014 school year. Students were welcomed by staff and parents. As always there were a few glitches and they were dealt with accordingly.

With the downsizing and closing three schools, changing from trimesters to semesters and the grade changes in the middle school (6-8) and high school (9-12), he wanted to commend everyone on how well everything went the first couple of days of school. Our student counts are lower and he will have more information on this soon.

The transportation change is going very well and some of our drivers are working for Trinity and driving the routes they had when working for the district. Mr. Grusecki he has a lot of contact with the owner of Trinity and they are being cooperative. He thanked Robbi Flynn, Administrative Assistant in the Special Education Department, Kelly Thomas and Wanda Alvarado-Rodriguez and Judy Wilson who got everything in order to schedule the transportation needs for our students.

Mr. Grusecki gave an update on the legislative news and their goals and schedule at this time.

The building walk throughs went very well and GCA staff are working on the grounds. Schools are looking good and we will be addressing the parking lot issues.

Traffic conditions are an issue at Davidson and Anderson and the city is looking into working with the county for suggestions.

Administrators will be attending training with the Flippen Group Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17. There will be two follow up training days at the end of October and will be held at Davidson.

Mr. Grusecki said we will be scheduling meetings with the FIT Committee, Policy Committee and Finance Committee soon.

**ACTION ITEMS APPROVED:**

Human Resource Updates including New Hires, Recalls, Retirees, Resignations and a Leave of Absence

Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan Dated October 1, 2010

Consortium Agreement Between Southgate Adult Education and the Highland Park School District

**EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES** - Mike Wheaton, Shelters physical education teacher, reported on the Shelters track. He applied for an NFL Grant a couple years ago and received \$10,000 from Play 60 and then a \$1,000 donation from Proctor and Gamble. He sponsors the Run Club Program at the school and said they had a great experience when the Lions visited them. The track costs \$18,000 and fund raisers were held to meet this cost. Rey-mart Asphalt in Romulus and World Wide Financial of Wyandotte donated funds to have the lines painted.

Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary  
Board of Education