
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

September 3, 2009

INFORMATION ITEM

Negotiations Update - Peni Aldrich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update on negotiations. A tentative agreement has been reached with MESPA I, II, and III, as well as the Waterford Education Association. The agreements will be ratified by each bargaining unit in the coming weeks and a recommendation for approval will be presented to the Board of Education on September 17.

Short Term Borrowing Results - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, William Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services - Finance & Budget, and Louis Schimmel, Municipal Financial Consultants Incorporated, presented to the Board of Education the results on the sale of the Waterford School District 2010 State Aid Notes for short term borrowing.

Summer School Report - Ann Kruse and Monica Lee presented information on the 2009 Summer School program.

Professional Development Day - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, provided the Board of Education with a review of the activities of instructional staff on Professional Development Day, September 2.

State Report Card - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, presented the results of the State Report Card.

KMS Update - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided an update to the Board of Education on the Kingsley Montgomery School project.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Changes/Appointment - The Board of Education approved the following contract changes/appointments:

Gardiner, Jennifer, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 1, 2009

Garrett, Shannon, Teacher
Manley Alternative High School
60% Probationary Contract
Effective August 28, 2009

Hague, Samantha, Teacher
Schoolcraft Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2009

Contract Changes/Appointment - The Board of Education approved the following contract changes/appointments (continued):

Hurley, Kelly, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 28, 2009

McDonald, Scott, Teacher
Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 31, 2009

Novotny, Stephanie, Teacher
Grayson Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 31, 2009

Pisha, Stacey, Teacher
Kingsley Montgomery School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 31, 2009

Scott, Breanna, Teacher
Burt Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2009

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Rogers, Beth, Teacher
Grayson Elementary School
Resignation
Effective August 31, 2009

Wybo, Katherine, Physical Therapist
Student Support Services
Resignation
Effective August 24, 2009

Facility Utilization Study - Last spring, the Board of Education directed the administration to conduct a "Facility Utilization Study" of the Waterford School District. In part, this study would entail the analysis of current and projected student enrollment, residence trends, demographics, and school building utilization. Due to the State's continued downturn, we anticipate a deficit of approximately \$10 million for the 2010-2011 school year. This creates a new economic reality for the Waterford School District, as we will be asked to continue providing the level of services our families expect with much less financial support from Lansing. This study may result in the recommendation to close at least one school, adjust school attendance boundaries, and reconfigure grade level assignments to schools. Both the Board and administration believe that the engagement of the Waterford community is of great importance. As such, we will utilize an outside consultant that will facilitate a study embedded in community dialogue.

It is important to note that the recommendations that will result from this study are not intended to resolve all of the projected deficit the District is facing in 2010-2011. However, this study is intended to result in recommendations that will offset some of the deficit in the short-term, help WSD look ahead to future adjustments in the longer-term, and emerge as a financially stronger instructional delivery system. WSD may need to deploy further study in the near future.

On July 30, 2009, we sent out a "Request For Proposal" to 10 consultants who were recommended to WSD by other school districts who have recently executed a similar process. We sought the opinion of Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Royal Oak, Port Huron, and Oakland Schools. Eight consultants responded to our bid and attended an informational meeting at Covert on August 10, 2009. Five of those consultants submitted proposals by our stated deadline of August 17, 2009, and were granted interviews on August 24, 2009.

Consulting Firm	Project Leader	Fee
Michigan Leadership Institute	Dr. Michael Wilmot	\$15,000
Ray.Taylor and Associates	Dr. Rossi Ray-Taylor	\$25,000
Banach, Banach & Cassidy	Cindy Banach	\$42,000 - \$55,000
Rahmberg, Stover & Associates	Jeff Rahmberg	\$65,000 - \$75,000
Project Innovations	Charles Fleetham	\$103,000

The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the administration for the Waterford School District and the *Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI)* to enter into a consulting agreement to perform the "Scope of Work" for the Facility Utilization Study.

FUTURE

September 17, 2009

(1) Information - Back to School Report

For information on these subjects, watch the replay of the Board meeting on Channel 22 Friday following the meeting at 10:00 AM, Sunday at 12:00 PM, again the following Monday at 8:00 PM. Board of Education meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.