



Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting is:

- Policy Meeting, Friday, 10/30, 7:30 p.m. Administration Building
- Strategic Planning Meeting, Tuesday, 11/3, 7 p.m. South Library
- Regular Meeting, Monday, 11/16, 7 p.m. Brownell MPR
- Regular Meeting, Monday, 11/23, 7 p.m. Brownell MPR

You can watch regular board meetings livestreamed or archived at <http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3685210> on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99. The July meeting was not videotaped but audio will be available online.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Professional Development Day for all staff (no school for students 11/3)
- Invite a friend to the GPPSS Open House 11/15 from 1-3 p.m.

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Board Briefs

October 2015

So much to celebrate

During the Superintendent report over 300 National Merit Semi-Finalists and Commended students and Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars were recognized! Poupard Elementary School Principal, staff and students shared information on The Leader in Me, including a video of how the 7 Habits are impacting their learning community. Shari Adwers recognized North students who had earned Columbia Scholastic Press Association awards. The Beaumont Community Health Coalition and Health Heroes made a 30-minute presentation on an opportunity to participate in immunizations, with an extensive Q&A answered by physicians. Dr. Niehaus presented a legislative update noting bills regarding reading at grade level by third grade and teacher and administrator evaluation. GPEA President Laura Mikesell honored Gary Abud (North) and Nick Provenzano (South), two of five national finalists for the Bammy Award, and North's Principal Kate Murray the Bammy Principal of the Year.

All action items pass 6-0

The Board unanimously approved the Human Resources report, noting the appointment of Denise Sharples as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Minutes passed 6-0. Federal Program Funding was also approved with Dr. Niehaus noting it was approximately \$100,000 less than last year's funding level. The Superintendent's Goals were also approved with board members noting the goals had rationale, evidence, and long-standing commitments.

For Information and Discussion

Mr. Fenton shared we are on target for the budget and will present a new fund equity level after the audit is finalized. Dr. Dean said that after a high-cost month of July for health care, August was typical and in line with projections.

Representatives from the 25-member District Professional Development Committee shared an outline of the November 3 professional development day. Of the 130 sessions available for staff to choose, all but 8 presenters come from within the GPPSS staff. Twelve of the most popular sessions are being taped.

All are encouraged to invite families, friends and neighbors to attend the district Open House, from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, November 15.

In public comments, the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters thanked the Superintendent, South TV Production staff and students for taping a non-partisan presentation on redistricting in Michigan.

Action items for November

Policy 7540.02 District Web Page received a unanimous vote out of committee and will be brought to the board in November.