

On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the November 9, 2011 meeting of the board of education.

1. President Leacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. High School teacher Tom Stahl and the officers of the FFA gave a short slideshow presentation on their recent overnight trip to the FFA National Convention.
3. High School Principal Ryan McMahon presented information on the MHS Assessment Day.
4. Approval of the minutes for the October Board Meetings and the bills/reimbursements of expenses were approved.
5. The summer tax levy was approved.
6. The MAS Transportation Association Master Agreement was approved.
7. MHS Varsity Boys Basketball Overnight Retreat trip was approved for November 18 – 20th.
8. The ‘Understanding Race Project’ was approved for the winter of 2013.
9. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
 - Student Issues
 - High School Girls Swim Team won the Huron League Championship. At the championship meet the girls had 40 of their best ever times.
 - High School Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country teams qualified and ran at the State Meet on 11/5.
 - All of the above mentioned teams will be invited to the December 14th board meeting to be recognized for their accomplishments.
 - Eight students from the Middle School have earned places on the MSVM State Honors Choir.
 - Ten students from the High School have earned places on the MSVM Regional Choir.
 - Staff Issues
 - This years United Way Campaign collections were \$7,989. Thank you to all that donated.
 - Paddock Teacher Lea Chesney had a baby boy on 11/3, Victor Joseph.
 - Bus Driver Kathy Guck’s mother died in October.
 - High School Teacher Todd Federer’s wife had a baby girl Amelia Grace, 8 lbs. 14 oz., 20”.
 - Symons Elementary Parent Tech Night is scheduled for December 8th.
 - High School Teacher Gen (Rowley) Saylor got married October 29th.
 - Paddock Music Teacher Debbie Nichols was awarded a \$720 grant from the Michigan Arts and Humanities Council.
 - Paddock Elementary PTO recently gave grants to: Mary Jo Monroe “Netbook Readers,” Liz Sutherland for “Making Math More Manageable & Memorable,” Nicole Gerbens to purchase a flip video camera, Christine O’Connor’s Paddock Mural Project, and the purchase of headphones and computer mice.
 - Bond Update
 - Bids for the high school greenhouse have come in and are being reviewed.
 - Construction on the bus garage is progressing well. Anticipated move-in is late December or early January.

- Budget Update
 - The usual late November budget review is being pushed back to early December.
 - Board News
 - The December 14th scheduled meeting may need to change. Notices will be posted.
 - Superintendent Girbach has offered individual board member meetings if they have concerns or suggestions.
 - Board Member calendar reminders: 11/16 – Special Meeting for Technology Bids and Policy Review, 11/17 – AdvancEd Community Presentation, 11/22 – FCI Art Show
10. Assistant Superintendent Julie Helber reported on several curriculum issues.
 11. Each of the board members made comments on the sessions they attended at the recent MASB Conference they attended in late October.
 12. Peacock and Billau reported on their visit to WIHL.
 13. President Leacher adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.