

Allegan Public Schools Board of Education

Board Bulletin



A summary of the regular meeting held May 14, 2012

Technology Tools at West Ward --

West Ward Elementary teacher Sari Hammon gave a demonstration on the interactive table called “Elmo” and the student “clickers,” showing the board how they both are used as tools for instruction, allowing the teacher to move around the room, and allowing students to be actively engaged. Board members were especially pleased with the level of enthusiasm from the West Ward staff, who all exhibited a strong belief in the effectiveness of the “Rewiring the Brain” curriculum for reading instruction, as well as for embracing the new technology tools!

Pine Trails Outstanding Students --

5th graders Kelsey Clark, Nicole Galloway, and Samantha Pettee were recognized as this year’s “Outstanding Citizens” at Pine Trails Elementary. This award is given annually to the students who best exhibit good citizenship and involvement in academics and school activities. Their names will be engraved on a plaque that will hang in Pine Trails’ “Citizenship Lane.”

Middle School Yearbook Staff --

Middle School teacher and yearbook advisor, Sandy Savage introduced the 22 students who participated in this year’s yearbook staff, pointing out that this is a volunteer activity that takes many hours after school and on weekends. This year’s staff included: Austin Roseboom (editor-in-chief), Amanda Anderson, Katelyn Clark, Tom Delor, Lydia Huff, Lizzie Moelker, Blade Porterfield, Alyssa Reyes, Anna Southwick, Cameron Zeter, CC Cerven (treasurer), Jade Coffey, Mia McLaughlin, Will Conley, Kirsten Rumsey, Gabbie Dame, Jaime Scane, Bridgett Hopkins, Alishkay Smith, Erin Isola, Emma Sullivan, Hannah Ward.

Personnel Report --

The board approved the following Personnel items: Retirement/Resignations – Kelly Truax (custodian), Diane Barrett (custodian), Gary Ramaker (head mechanic).

Bond Issue Update --

The 2012 Bond Issue placed before voters May 8 passed by a margin of 71% to 29%. The Board passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds, and progress will soon begin on the actual planning phase of the project. Check our web site often for photos and updates.

School Calendar Approved for 2012-13 --

The Board approved the calendar proposed by the AEA. This calendar for 2012-13 has two more student days than the previous year. The first day for students is Sept. 4.

Other Action/Discussion --

In other action at the meeting, the Board:

- Considered First Reading of Policy #3180 (Tax Compliance Policy for Bonds).
- Discussed and eventually voted to support the AAESA General Fund budget for 2012-13.
- Discussed the new election laws and the need to decide whether to switch to 6 year terms for board members or keep it at the current 4 year terms.
- Expelled an Allegan High School student for the remainder of 2011-12 and for the first two trimesters of 2012-13 for threatening and potentially dangerous behavior toward another student.
- Expelled an Alternative High School student for the remainder of 2011-12 for distribution of an illicit substance.
- Heard information that board member Mary Kasprzyk received at a recent CBA course in Advanced Leadership, regarding the qualities of a leader vs. a manager and the role of board members in school leadership.
- Was reminded that board meetings held in June, July, and August will begin at 5:30 p.m.

*The next regularly-scheduled Board of Education meeting will be **Monday, June 11**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building (550 Fifth Street). Persons who need special accommodations should contact the superintendent at 673-5431 ten days prior to the meeting.*