

## Board Review - October 8, 2009

The Whitefish Bay School Board held its regular, monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, October 7, 2009, in room 47 at Whitefish Bay High School. Board members Jim Phillips, Marie R. Greco, Cheryl Maranto, Joe Martinelli, Gerry Steele and Kathy Rogers were in attendance. Board member Pamela Woodard was excused.

The School Board received a report on the results of energy savings efforts over the past six years from School District Energy Manager, Brian Chase. Mr. Chase noted that between August, 2003 and the end of July, 2009 a total of \$1.22 million of energy costs were avoided. This amount represents an average annual energy use reduction equaling 23%. Energy use in the 2008-2009 school year was reduced by 25%, the highest of any year since the program was implemented. Whitefish Bay's energy management program was recognized last spring by the Federal Department of Energy. The Whitefish Bay School District was one of four school districts nation-wide to receive the Energy Star School of the Year Award. Additionally, implementation of the energy management program has allowed the school district to avoid increases in the utility budget for the past five years. Members of the School Board expressed appreciation for the work of Mr. Chase and for the commitment and support of staff members to realize the savings. A copy of Brian Chase's presentation has been posted on the School District website.

The School Board also received a report on the annual audit from the School District's auditors. The auditors reported no problems with accounting procedures or accounting of funds by the school district.

Board Member Gerry Steele reported on recent activities of the Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation. She noted the upcoming fall festival sponsored by the Civic Foundation. The Civic Foundation also provides an annual scholarship to a deserving high school senior who is a resident of Whitefish Bay. Further, the Foundation provides financial support for annual post-prom activities and a number of festivals and activities at the Middle School.

Board Member Jim Phillips provided the Board with a report on recent activities of the Whitefish Bay Public Library Board. He noted the hiring of a new librarian and development of a strategic plan for the Whitefish Bay Library. He also reported on a very successful summer reading program and a number of other public library programs including a Writer's Workshop for adults and assistance for out-of-work adults in finding employment.