

Board Review - November 12, 2009

The Whitefish Bay School Board held its regular monthly Business Meeting and a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, in room 47 at Whitefish Bay High School. Board members Marie Greco, Jim Phillips, Gerry Steele, Pam Woodard, Kathy Rogers and Joe Martinelli were in attendance. Board member Cheryl Maranto was excused.

High School Principal, Bill Henkle, presented the Board with the host school report. Mr. Henkle shared a Power Point presentation on the process designed to determine the future of the high school open campus lunch program. He noted that similar presentations have been made to groups of parents, staff and students. He also has shared the presentation with the Administrative Council. In the coming months, surveys will be conducted of students regarding current lunch-time habits. A more general survey will be conducted of parents, staff and students in the coming months. Mr. Henkle indicated that a decision regarding the future of open campus lunch is anticipated in late spring.

District Administrator, Jim Rickabaugh, briefed the School Board on the next steps following passage of the referendum. He noted that detailed plans must be developed to support bidding of contracts and construction of new and remodeling of current spaces. This process likely will take a few months. The Administration also will be monitoring the timeline for application and awarding of school construction bonds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These bonds offer the possibility of low or no interest funding vehicles for the projects authorized through the referendum.

He noted that some of the smaller projects such as new entrance construction at each of the schools likely will begin yet this spring and finished before school starts in the fall. Larger projects such as new cafeterias/multipurpose space at the elementary schools and music rooms at the high school will require more planning time, but the construction projects should be underway yet this summer.

The action item portion of the agenda included approval of a middle school extended educational trip to Chicago in February 2010. The overnight trip will include visits to the Art Institute of Chicago and a performance of the Joffrey Ballet.

The School Board also approved the allocation of twenty seats to be filled by the Chapter 220 Program in the 2010-2011 school year. All twenty seats will be allocated in the four year-old kindergarten program. The allocation of seats is intended to maintain stability in Chapter 220 Program enrollment. The School Board declined to approve new seats for the Open Enrollment Program at this time. Further consideration of additional Open Enrollment Program seats will be given when enrollment information for the 2010-2011 school year becomes available.

The final action item included a change of title from Network Systems Manager to Director of Technology in the Employment Provisions Handbook for Support Staff. The change recognizes a change in responsibility associated with the hiring of Kent Stahlman as the Director of Technology.

Following the Regular Board Meeting, the Buildings and Grounds Committee met to consider funding for capital projects in the coming year. Director of Business Services, Shawn Yde, recommended to the Board two projects for funding, the addition of lockers at Richards School related to enrollment and required electrical work related to the Project Lead the Way engineering program at the high school. The total amount of the projects is \$16,877. The School Board will consider allocation of these funds at the regular December Board meeting.

