

Board Review - February 25, 2010

The Whitefish Bay School Board held monthly Committee Meetings on Wednesday evening, February 24, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in room 47 at Whitefish Bay High School. Board members Jim Phillips, Pamela Woodard, Marie R. Greco, Cheryl Maranto, Kathy Rogers and Gerry Steele were in attendance. Board Member Joe Martinelli was excused.

Whitefish Bay Public Education Foundation President, Mark LeGrand, provided the School Board Committee of the Whole an overview of the formation and history of the Education Foundation. He also gave a status report on current operations and activities of the Foundation. He noted that the Foundation has provided more than \$1 million in contributions to School District students, activities, equipment and facilities. Meanwhile, the Foundation has accumulated an endowment of \$250,000. He further noted that this year's Bay Ball will be held on Friday, June 4, 2010 at the Harley Davidson Museum.

Director of Instruction, Laura Myrah and Art Department Chair, Melissa Cook, presented to the School Board Instruction Committee curriculum proposals for Art. Recommendations included increased collaboration time for K-12 staff, support for writing time to update and align curricula, development of a music website and purchase of materials and instructional equipment. Following the presentation and discussion, the Instruction Committee decided to forward the curriculum proposals for Art to the School Board for action at the March 10 regular Board Meeting.

Laura Myrah presented to the Instruction Committee curricular recommendations for music. The music recommendations included increased collaboration time for K-12 staff, curriculum writing and replacement of musical instruments. Following the presentation several students spoke about their music experience, particularly regarding their interest in a Music Theory course offering. Following the discussion, the School Board decided to ask the Music Curriculum Review Committee to revisit the possibility of a Music Theory course offering, clarify the appropriate source of funding for instrument replacement and collect data regarding preparation of students for further study beyond high school.

Jim Rickabaugh announced that prior to the March 10 regular Board Meeting, Bray Architects will host an informal Open House to share progress on designs for building additions and remodeling. The Open House will be held in room 47. The March 10 School Board meeting agenda will also include a review of the facility design progress.

Upcoming Meeting Topics...

Approve Open Enrollment Seats
Approve Art Curriculum Proposal