

## **Board Review - March 11, 2010**

The Whitefish Bay School Board held its regular monthly Business Meeting on Wednesday evening, March 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in room 47 at Whitefish Bay High School. Board members Jim Phillips, Pamela Woodard, Marie R. Greco, Joe Martinelli, Kathy Rogers and Gerry Steele were in attendance. Board Member Cheryl Maranto was excused.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, updated architectural drawings for remodeling and building additions were on display for members of the staff and community. Approximately two dozen people attended the Open House. Representatives of Bray Architects were available to answer questions and take input.

At the beginning of the Board meeting, Matt Wolfert and other members of the Bray Architects staff presented the updated architectural drawings to the School Board and responded to questions. Following the presentation, Board Members complimented the work of the architects. The next step in the design process will be to meet with staff of the Village of Whitefish Bay to assure compliance with local ordinances and other requirements.

School Board President, Marie R. Greco, provided a brief update on progress related to the superintendent search. She indicated that in the coming weeks the School Board will be conducting the first round of preliminary interviews. When final candidates have been identified, opportunities will be available for members of the staff and public to meet the candidates in a public forum. Additional details will be provided as the interview dates approach.

The School Board approved two extended educational trip requests. Middle School students will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in March 2011 and High School French students will be traveling to France in April 2011.

The School Board also approved the Art curriculum proposal as discussed at the February 24, Instruction Committee Meeting. The next step in the process will be planning for 2010 summer curriculum writing.

The School Board approved 22 Open Enrollment seats for next year. In light of anticipated class sizes only students who currently attend the Whitefish Bay Schools on tuition waivers or have siblings who currently attend Whitefish Bay Schools will be eligible for the allocated seats. A total of 532 Open Enrollment applications were received during the February application window.

In further action the School Board authorized the administration to send contract renewal offers to continuing staff and extend offers of regular contract status to the third year probationary teachers considered during the February 10 Personnel Meeting.

The final agenda topic of the evening was a presentation by Shawn Yde on the preliminary budget for 2010-11. The proposed budget complies with state revenue cap requirements. However, it is too early to determine the tax impact of the budget since the state has yet to finalize aid allocations. The School Board and administration will continue to monitor decisions at the state level that may have an impact on the School District budget and will make adjustments as necessary.