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BOARD BRIEFS

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Southfield Board of Education

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Meeting of February 8, 2011

REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF - Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson reported on or introduced the following:

- **Student and Staff Recognition** - MacArthur K-8 Future City Team sponsors Kristyn Biondo, Angela Christy, Natalie Molnar and MacArthur K-8 Future City team members, who placed 2nd in the 2011 Michigan Regional Overall Competition and also won the 2011 Engineering Society of Detroit Michigan Future City "Best Use of Energy" award, sponsored by DTE; SRAC art teacher Molly McNeece and Trevor Payne (SRAC), who won an Honorable Mention award from the National Alternative Education Assn. Video Contest.
- **Update on SRAC** - Principal Marty Bulger and Assistant Principal Sandra LaPierriere and teachers Fellicia Searles, Darcel Stewart, Tracy Brown-Perkins and Molly McNeece gave reports on various programs at the alternative high school. They featured Project Woman mentoring program, the art studio (projects, scholarships, awards and activities), career fair at Lawrence Tech, SRAC Fashion Club, the Michigan First Banking program and the school store.
- **Brace-Lederle & MacArthur Z Club** - Zonta International, a professional women's service organization, has chartered its first middle school Junior Zonta Club. Over 40 girls were inducted at ceremonies in January to the newly formed Brace-Lederle MacArthur Z Club.
- **Academy Nights at High Schools on Feb 16th** - Southfield High School's Engineering Academy, International Business Academy and Human Services Academy and Southfield-Lathrup High School's Medical & Natural Sciences Academy and the Fine Arts Academy will host open houses on Feb. 16 from 6:30 to 8pm. The public and prospective students and parents are invited to attend.
- **School of Choice Deadline** - School of Choice (in-district transfer) request deadline is 4pm on Friday, Feb. 11 for placements for the 2011-12 school year. Choice applications are available on line or in school offices. Transportation is not included for choice requests and transfers are made on a space-available basis according to date received.
- **Kindergarten Krawls** - The district's 2011 Kindergarten Krawls have begun. Modeled after a progressive dinner, the Kindergarten Krawls invite parents to board a bus at Bussey Center and tour four schools to see Kindergarten classes in action. The next Kindergarten Krawl will take place on Thursday, Feb.10 from 12:30pm-2:45pm and include visits to Stevenson, MacArthur K-8, Brace-Lederle K-8 and Adler. Additional Kindergarten Krawls are scheduled for Feb.14 and 16. (See website or SPS TV 16 for the complete schedule of Kindergarten Krawls.)
- **Kindergarten Roundups 2011** - Registration for students attending Kindergarten in the fall will be held at local schools the week of March 7-11, 2011. See SPS TV 16, the district website or call the Pupil Registration Office for times and locations—248-746-7601 x3.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS - Board members reported on the following:

- **Head Start** - Trustee Fern Katz gave the monthly report from the Head Start Policy Council.
- **Tuition Release** - The Board reaffirmed its position not to grant tuition releases to neighboring school districts but will grand-father students who are currently enrolled in a high school via tuition release.
- **Founders Day** - Thank you parent and staff volunteers for your contributions to the Southfield Public Schools.
- **Black History Month** - Trustee Williams urged parents to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans in our nation's history.
- **Appointment of Darryle Buchanan to Board of Michigan Assn. of School Boards** - Trustee Buchanan has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Assn. of School Boards.

PERSONNEL REPORT - The Board approved the following:

- **Employment** - Lauren Cohen (art/Adler); Leslie Handside (math/SHS); Julie Wolf (art/BK8)
- **SEA Transfers** - Valerie Felder/special ed/SRAC); Sonia Jackson (special ed/SHS); Karilyn Alsobrooks (speech/B-L); Alisha Byrd (4th gr./BK8); Connie Milton-Runner (social worker/district wide-B-L); Gail Setter (literacy coach/Stvnsn-McI); Desiree Turner (3rd gr. B-L); Deborah Mendelson (1st gr./B-L); Angela Whitfield (Head Start/Bussey)
- **ESOS Transfer** - Jennifer Correia (secretary/SHS)
- **Recalls from Layoff** - Karen Polito (parapro/BK8); Erica Lee (parapro/TK8); Laura Coles (parapro/Bussey); Marsha Huckleby (parapro/Bussey); Wael Jarbou (parapro/S-LHS)
- **Salary Adjustment** - Jamie Glinz (Master's Degree)

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- **Extension of Leave** - Willene Walker (LOA/MESPA); Chiquita Harrison (LOA/MESPA)
- **Reassignments** - Suzanne Crimmons (1st gr./B-L); Melanie Land (5th gr./McI); Deborah Mendelson (Kindergarten/B-L); Kimberly Wilson (1st gr. McI)
- **Resignation** - Jill Bellmore (social worker/district wide-B-L)

BID AWARD FOR NETWORK EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - The Board awarded the bid for Network Equipment Maintenance to NETech Inc., of Novi, MI for a total of $27,060 for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. *This is a general fund expenditure eligible for E-rate reimbursement.*

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH KNOWLEDGE LEARNING CORPORATION (dba CHAMPIONS) to OPERATE MAGNOLIA CHILD CARE CENTER - The Board approved a contract with Knowledge Learning Corporation (dba Champions) for the operation of the Magnolia Child Care Center. The lease agreement includes a revenue sharing agreement with Southfield Public Schools and less square footage. Champions took over the program from the Berkley School District on Jan. 31, 2011.

APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH LINDA BROWN - The Board approved an extension of the contract with Linda Brown to provide additional support in training and developing the Career Center paraprofessionals. Training and support will include center management, center organization, career cruising support and student data analysis, university visitation and data collections for all high schools. This action extends the contract with Linda Brown approved on Oct. 12, 2010 through June 17, 2011, not to exceed $20,000. *This is a general fund expenditure.*

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO 2010-11 APPROPRIATIONS ACT- The Board approved an Amendment to 2010-11 Appropriations Act /General Fund Operating Budget as follows: Revenues from $101,974,927 to $104,684,508; Expenditures from $101,819,332 to $103,906,195. This action represents the first amendment to the 2011 Appropriations Act.

INFORMATION REPORTS - The following report was made:

- **January Report on Purchases** - A summary of purchases between $5,000 and $20,959 was made covering purchases made in January 2011.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The following comments were made by members of the audience:

- **Tuition Release** - Numerous parents again petitioned the School Board to grant tuition releases to neighboring districts. Conversely, SPS parents spoke of the value of a Southfield Public Schools education and the success their children are having or have had in the district.
- **S-LHS House of Reps** - Students gave a report on their organization's activities.
- **Dress Code** - Three students registered their dislike of the student dress code.
- **Bussey Staffing** - A parent raised a staffing concern.
- **Founders Day** - A representative of the Southfield Area Council PTA thanked the staff and administration for attending the annual volunteer recognition dinner on Feb. 1.
- **S-LHS Class Board** - A representative of the Class Board announced a fund raiser.
- **S-LHS Green Club** - Representatives highlighted club activities.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE SOUTHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - The following meetings have been scheduled:

February 15, 2011	6pm	JWE	Student Hearings
March 1, 2011	6pm	JWE	Student Hearings
March 8, 2011	7pm	JWE	Regular Board Meeting

COMPILED BY: Ken Siver, *Deputy Superintendent*

SPS hosts Kindergarten Round-Ups March 7-11

School	*Address*	*Date*	*Time*	*Phone*	*Who Attends*
Adler	19100 Filmore	Fri., March 11	9am	(248) 746-8870	Parents & Children
Birney K-8	27225 Evergreen	Thurs., March 10	12:30pm	(248) 746-8800	Parents & Children
Brace-Lederle K-8	18575 W. Nine Mile	Mon., March 7	9am	(248) 746-8730	Parents & Children
MacArthur K-8	24501 Fredrick	Thurs., March 10	1:30pm	(248) 746-8590	Parents & Children
McIntyre	19600 Saratoga	Wed., March 9	2pm	(248) 746-7365	Parents & Children
Stevenson	27777 Lahser	Mon., March 7	10am	(248) 746-8840	Parents & Children
Thompson K-8	16300 Lincoln	Tues., March 8	9:30am	(248) 746-7400	Parents & Children
Vandenberg	16100 Edwards	Wed., March 9	9:30am	(248) 746-7375	Parents & Children