

**South Redford School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the South Redford Board of Education was held on Monday, September 28, 2009 in the Media Center at Addams Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:01 p.m. Addams Elementary School's 5th Grade class, under the direction of Joshua Bzovi, Teacher at Addams Elementary School, prepared a video that was shown to the Board explaining the aspects of the American Flag. The students on the video led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Alliance and the Star Spangled Banner. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President asked the Secretary to call the roll.

THE BOARD

Present:

Laurie Hicks, President
Tom Dowdy, Vice President
Cheryl Flesher, Treasurer
Bruce Mazurowski, Secretary

Gregory Morgan, Trustee
Stephen Baker, Trustee
Elizabeth Kangas, Trustee

THE ADMINISTRATION

Linda S. Hicks, Superintendent

Kris Harmon, Curriculum Director
Judy Considine, Communications Coordinator

BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

Working together with the administrative team and the community, we will provide an environment that will maximize the personal growth and academic achievement of all students.

The President asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Agenda of the meeting of September 28, 2009. Since there were none, the agenda was approved as printed.

RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

- Dr. Linda Hicks reported on Vandenberg Elementary School.
 - Congratulations to Vandenberg Elementary School on receiving the 2009 Team Nutrition Grant and the Michigan Team Nutrition Training Grant. Grant recipients were invited to the Kick-off to School Health Summit at Ford Field. The Vandenberg Youth Wellness Team participated in the kick-off at Ford Field on September 22, 2009.
 - Brainstormers, a story telling group, came to Vandenberg Elementary School for an assembly on writing.
 - Over 200 people from the families at Vandenberg attended Roller Skating at Riverside Arena.
 - On Friday, September 25, 2009, the Detroit Pistons came to Vandenberg Elementary School with their Homework Before Hoops Program.
- Dr. Linda Hicks shared that Addams Elementary School's Annual Fall Open House was a huge success with a record breaking turnout. Parents and students were asked to visit different stations around the building.
- Dr. Linda Hicks recognized two Galileo Leaders, Val Dudek and Bethany Harris, from Pierce Middle School who are working toward their Action Research Project.
- Dr. Linda Hicks recognized Monica Nick, Karl Stram and Donna Ablett for writing a grant for Energy Works Michigan, for an energy analysis of Jefferson Elementary School.

- Dr. Linda Hicks reports that without Brooke Hempton, for her tireless efforts on behalf of Jefferson Elementary School Students and their wellness, Jefferson would not have become a model school for Project Fit. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Project Fit is October 5, 2009 at 10 a.m.
- Dr. Linda Hicks shared the information from Fisher Elementary School's new after school program called M.Y. Park. Male Youth Park is a male mentoring program that allows caring and committed men and the Fisher Elementary School community to positively interact in social discussion and academic activities with students, helping them to become well-founded men of tomorrow. The program is targeting only male students in grades 4-5 at Fisher Elementary School.
- Fisher Elementary School held their K-5 grade level curriculum nights. Teachers used these evenings to discuss classroom and building expectations of students and parents.
- Fisher Elementary School PTO held their Open House and Fisher families had the opportunity to hear about the many sporting, learning and social opportunities that Fisher and the Redford Township have available for them. Officer Keith Cooper of the Redford Township Police Department spoke on Internet safety and a social worker from Botsford Hospital spoke on the tough economy and how it affects families.
- Last Friday, the Fisher Elementary School students enjoyed the antics of Mr. Jim and his parrot in an assembly on the 6 + 1 Writing Traits.

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

- Dr. Linda Hicks reported on Bond related projects. The Thurston High School roof project is near completion.
- An appraisal is being done for the Gibson and Ashcroft buildings.
- Dr. Linda Hicks updated the Board on the Michigan Association of School Administrators Fall Conference that she attended and presented at.
- Dr. Linda Hicks reported on the enrollment numbers, the increase of mobility of students in and out of our district, and the plans for a New Families Orientation night.
- The Redford Observer featured several articles on the South Redford School District; Pierce Middle School Charting New Course and Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Mr. Bruce Mazurowski shared with the Board and audience that Alan Highe, who presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Board at Addams Elementary School last spring, has finished the project and has earned his Eagle Scout achievement. Alan's project was installing pavers around the flag pole at Addams Elementary School.
- Ms. Laurie Hicks announced to the Board that a General Membership meeting of the WCASB will be on October 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and they will need to RSVP by October 12, 2009. Flyers will be mailed to the secretary of the Board for distribution.

CONSENT AGENDA

Prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda, it was asked that the minutes of the Closed Meeting of September 14, 2009 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Changes to the minutes of the September 14 Closed Meeting will be made and presented back to the Board at the October 12, 2009 meeting for approval.

- a. Approval of Minutes:
The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2009, were approved as printed.

b. Approval of Warrants:

The warrants for the week ending September 18 and 25, 2009, were approved as printed.

c. Approval of Tuition Students.

The following students, Altemecia Martin, with tuition of \$516.00 and DeVonte Waters, with tuition of \$572.00, were approved to complete their senior year at Thurston High School for the 2009-2010 school year since their families moved out of the South Redford School District.

Ms. Cheryl Flesher moved to approve the Consent Agenda items a-c listed above, supported by Mr. Tom Dowdy. Vote: All ayes (7) - Hicks, Dowdy, Mazurowski, Flesher, Morgan, Baker and Kangas. Nay - (0). Abstain - (0).

PRESENTATION FROM ADDAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Carol Lindman, principal of Addams Elementary School, and members of the Addams Elementary School Staff presented many of the instructional programs and activities occurring at Addams Elementary School.

At 8:20 p.m. the President, Laurie Hicks called a fifteen minute recess.

The Board returned back from recess at 8:37 p.m.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE

Nick Grosword, District Accountant gave an update on the energy management efforts in the District.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dr. Linda Hicks gave an update on the financial status of the School District and also updated the Board on the news from Lansing regarding the School Aid Budget.

PLUS/DELTA FOR THE BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great energy management presentation. • Flexibility of Addams' Staff in presentation. • Addams' Staff support in sending their children to South Redford School District. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font too small on energy management handout.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Bruce Mazurowski, Secretary
Board of Education

Present: Connie Marshall, Tyler Memeth, Lynda O'Donnell, Brian Miller, Michelle Zewacki, Connie Vergos, Kim Watson, Hailey Stewart, Andrea McQuality, Jennifer Baughman, Jennifer Patrick, Gale Pendergrass, Robin Pegg, Kathie Ciupek, George Houttekier, George Highe, Tracey Mulka, LaKeisha Evans, Tom Victor, Donna Ablett, Cathy Lloyd-Langley, Carrie Gartner, Sue Carver, Judi Feutz, Karl Stram, Kim Sterbenz, Amy Nagy, and Melissa Heck.