



PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Meeting of September 8, 2008

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BOARD NOTES

Superintendent's Report

Nancy Hipkind, Superintendent, was pleased to announce that the Charlotte Public School's elementary buildings have been awarded the Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards for restructuring their time to allow for professional learning communities. CPS will be a recipient of the MASB's 2008 Michigan's Best Award and will be honored at the MASB Fall Conference on Saturday, November 1st, in Traverse City, Michigan.

Mary Taylor, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum, shared the 3 year AYP information with the Board of Education. Scores in Charlotte have improved this year and plans are in place to improve even further in the future.

Mark Rosekrans, Associate Superintendent of Operations, updated the Board on the status of repair work being done in the district as a result of the July 2, 2008, hail storm. The school district's buildings received extensive damage. Mr. Rosekrans reported much of the repair work was completed by the beginning of school and also updated the board on the status of the remaining projects.

Reinstatement of Teaching Positions

It was exciting news to report that a teacher who was put on lay-off status at the end of the 2007-2008 school year has been reinstated as a teacher in our school district. Sarah Smith has been placed as a Kindergarten teacher at Parkview Elementary.

New Teacher Contracts

The board approved probationary teaching contracts for two new teachers making a total of 9 new teachers in the district this school year. They will fill existing positions that were vacated by retirements, resignations or transfers. The new teachers are: Carrie Baas, HS English; Rachel Brown, HS English; Ben DeHoog, HS Mathematics; Kristen Fletcher, HS Special Education; Adam Perry, Day Treatment program; Erin Terpstra, HS English; Nick Thompson, HS Agriscience; Jamie Montai-Whalen, Media/Technology; and Amanda Williams, MS Spanish/Language Arts. CPS is very pleased this year to have these very highly qualified educators join the team.

Ratification of Agreement with Charlotte Education Association

The Board ratified a one-year agreement with the district's teacher association. The agreement provides for a 1% total compensation package that is within the parameters being offered to all employee groups. The negotiations were conducted in a cooperative manner using a process which considers the financial health of the school district and the difficult funding constraints from the State of Michigan. The school district is appreciative of the cooperation received from all employee groups in settling employee contracts.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2008, in the administrative offices board room. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.