

BOARD SUMMARY
August 13, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Board of Education 2013

**President – Sue Murray; Vice President – Paul C. Knott;
Secretary – Dr. Darlene L. Pomponio; Treasurer – W. Kirk Hayhurst
Trustees - Patricia Graziani, Amanda Kremer, Rebecca Reed-Hall**

DISCUSSION

FINANCE - Ms. McLachlan distributed a communication from our auditing firm that is now a requirement. The communication outlines their responsibility and timing of the audit. They will begin our audit September 3, 2013 and have a report to the Board by October 31, 2013.

Ms. McLachlan said she has not heard from the State regarding the updated Deficit Elimination Plan that was submitted on July 31st.

2013-2014 BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT GOALS - Mr. Knott said the Board met and established goals for the Superintendent to follow. There are four goals: 1) Strategic Plan - Oversee the Strategic Plan implementation and direction of all committees and meetings; continue to schedule all school improvement committees to make presentations to the board and community; review and study of semester scheduling and reconfiguration process for the district and student achievement. 2) Finance – Monitor and report to the Board the progress of the deficit elimination plan and the current status of the budget. 3) Negotiations – Team with the Business Manager to complete all negotiations within the parameters of the strategic plan and the deficit elimination plan and ensure that the evaluations required by the state are fairly bargained into all agreements as mandated. 4) Evaluation and Personal Growth Plans – Monitor adherence to new evaluation systems for ALL district employees. Work closely with building administrators and other supervisors to implement a more proactive approach in dealing with employee issues and maintain a consistent public presence.

The three Board's goals are 1) Finance – Deficit Elimination Plan, Conferences, Contingency Plan and Transparency; 2) Communication – Parental and community information and feedback button; and 3) Strategic Plan – to revisit and school improvement presentations.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE - Mr. Grusecki reported what has been done over the summer. The Downriver Guidance Center is leasing 84% of the North Pointe building as we have two programs housed there, the special education preschool program and the GSRP program. The Curriculum Director and her Administrative Assistant will be moving to Gerisch along with our Special Education offices, school nurse and food services director. We are renting a portion of Gerisch until June 2014. During this next school year we will submit a proposal to Wayne RESA to move the Beacon program to Gerisch. Chormann will continue to be used for storage.

Mr. Grusecki will set a day to walk through our buildings next week and he will let Board members know when this is scheduled. We will be organizing the storage and excess items in the Chormann and Heintzen buildings.

Ms. Murray asked if anyone had concerns with their rooms, etc., to contact their principal. Mr. Knott said he was pleased North Pointe is still an educational facility.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Grusecki said with the changes over the past year, we will reconvene the FIT committee. This committee was transitioned to the Reconfiguration Committee to make recommendations to the board. He will continue to work with the ILDT Committee and Jill Pastor. The plan is to operate within our means and we will definitely monitor this. We will be good fiscal stewards to the school district and will continue until we get out of deficit and continue to be fiscally sound.

We occasionally have issues with our facilities and recently had an attempted break in at Shelters and the offenders were caught. The football and soccer parents have been working on the stadium and he is very impressed with their commitment. Parents will be working Sunday to clean up the weeds and trim the area. Fall sports have begun and students are at band camp this week. Mr. Grusecki is planning to visit them.

We made a tough decision last week with outsourcing transportation. Mr. Grusecki has talked to drivers regarding applying to Trinity and as of now eight drivers applied. Ms. McLachlan is working with their business manager and the budget for their services. We are confident they will do a great job for us.

Mr. Knott said he was not at the meeting last week and wanted to say he supports the move to Trinity. He commended the Board for doing the right thing as it was not an easy decision. We need to continue to keep the district solvent and keep the state out of our business.

Mr. Hayhurst said there is now a Visitor's Ticket Booth at the football field. Material was donated and it was built by our CTE students.

Mr. Grusecki said the son of one of our bus drivers (Carol Sullivan) was in a serious accident and our hearts go out to the family. He just graduated from Anderson.

Ms. Murray said anyone wishing to apply to work for Trinity should do so now. Trinity will honor their seniority as far as placing them on their pay scale.

ACTION ITEMS APPROVED:

Board of Education and Superintendent Goals for 2013-2014

Board Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014

Hiring of Daniel Courtney and Eileen Williams, Beacon Teachers and Christine McKenna, Davidson Middle School teacher

Accept Resignations of Danielle Baker, Jessica Harmon, Nate Nestor and Jannah Webb

Accept the Retirement of Warren Morris

Recall Patricia Westcott, Art Teacher

Support the Resolution Urging Continued Implementation and Funding of the Common Core State Standards

Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Secretary
Board of Education