

BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Board Meeting
December 13, 2010 – 7:00 pm



Building Spotlight	<p>Oriole Park Principal, Jenn Debski, introduced Mrs. Rochelle Swanson, teacher at Oriole Park and some of her students who gave the board a presentation on the building's focus this year which is "The Leader in Me". The Leader in Me process helps develop the essential life skills and characteristics students need in order to thrive in the 21st century. Several students recited self authored thoughts how they felt the Leader in Me would impact their lives and future goals.</p>
Robotics Club Presentation	<p>The Robotics Club members from Rogers and Wyoming Park High School gave a presentation and demonstration of one of their robots. This year the club has included students from Godwin Heights who are interested in participating and is open to students from other districts who would like to get involved. The group this year is also trying to incorporate community service projects along with robot building and competitions. The club lost their mentor to retirement this past year as well as their major sponsor, Delphi. They are seeking corporate sponsors and other help to keep the current student-led club going.</p>
Early Graduations Approved	<p>The Board voted to approve the early graduation of four Frontiers Academy students at midyear. All students have completed the State of Michigan requirements for graduation.</p>
Trip Requests Approved	<p>The Board voted to approve the following student trips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wyoming Park Softball Team to Florida over spring break.2. Wyoming Park Baseball Team to Florida over spring break3. The Wyoming Park Spanish 3 and 4 Classes to Chicago for the day on April 22, 20114. Newhall MS 8th grade East Coast Trip on 6/10/11
High School Course Additions approved	<p>The board voted to approve the 2001 – 2012 Curriculum Guide with the addition of the following high school courses: Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, Aerobics, Circuit Training I & II as well as the Video Production course.</p>
A.P. Statistics Book Request approved	<p>At the recommendation of the Instruction Committee, the Board voted to approve the purchase of new A.P. Statistics textbooks.</p>
Advanced Placement – New Requirements approved	<p>The Board voted to approve the modification of current Advance Placement rules to require any student in an AP class to take the AP test if they wish to acquire the bonus 1 point toward their GPA. The additional point would not be awarded to a student with a final grade of a D or E.</p>
Newhall MS Student Surveys approved	<p>The Board voted to allow Newhall students participation in a Health Behavior Survey to be given to all 7th and 8th grade students after parent permission has been received.</p> <p>The Board also voted to approve a request to allow Team Teacher Survey to be given to a select group of 7th and 8th grade students after parent permission has been received.</p>

Frontiers Academy Student
Survey approved

**Personnel Transactions -
(Consent Agenda)**

The Board voted to allow the Life Perspectives Survey from GVSU be given to a select group of Frontiers students after parent permission has been obtained.

The Board approved the following Personnel Transactions:

Family Medical Leaves of Absence

1. Gretchen Ballema, Teacher, Oriole Park Elementary, effective 1/12/11 through 3/7/11
2. Mary Gebhardt, Teacher, Jackson Park/Parkview, effective 11/4/10 through 12/17/10
3. Krista Mead, Early Childhood Teacher, Huntington Woods, effective 1/31/11 through 3/29/11
4. Lurene Priest, Food Service, Parkview Elementary, effective 12/7/10 through 1/17/11
5. Michelle Wiseman, Teacher, Newhall Middle School, effective 1/6/11 through 3/25/11

Family Medical Leave of Absence Extension

1. *Tim Hale, Custodian, Rogers High School, extended through 12/30/10*

Resignations

1. *Edward Munson, Sub Bus Driver, effective 11/10/10*
2. *Rosa Smith, Adult Ed Secretary, effective 11/4/10*

New Appointments

1. *Julie Brown, Food Service, Jackson Park Intermediate, effective 11/15/10*
2. *Gloria Dunbar, Lead Cook, Oriole Park Elementary, effective 11/15/10*

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, January 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

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