

SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting ~ January 11, 2010

AUDIENCE	There were no comments from the audience.
ACADEMIC	For the Academic Spotlight, Ridgeview Social Worker Dana Damaska, and Art Instructor Heidi Mitchell will give an informational presentation regarding cultural intelligence.
LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS	The Board approved the following leave of absence requests: Cathy Ezinga, middle school special education teacher, the extension of her current leave through the end of the year.
POLICY REVISION	The Board approved proposed policy revisions as presented.
BASEBALL TRIP	The Board approved the Athletic Department's request for an overnight spring baseball trip to Indianapolis, Indiana as presented.
SERVICE CONSOLIDATION PLAN	The Board approved a resolution that will allow our district to develop a Service Consolidation Plan to reduce school operation costs in compliance with MDE Guidelines.
DEBT FUND TRANSFER	The Board approved a transfer balance of the 2003 Debt Fund, including all interest as well as all delinquent taxes as yet unpaid, to the 2007 Debt Fund as presented by Finance Director Deb Berenbrock.
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH Mi-Phy Survey	The Board approved the Reproductive Health Committee's recommended Mi-Phy Survey as presented by Assistant Superintendent Mark Kasmer at last month's Regular Board Meeting.
REINSTATEMENT	The Board denied the reinstatement request of a student.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS	An informational presentation was given regarding a proposal for athletic eligibility.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Superintendent Kent Swinson gave a report on the Race to the Top status and feedback regarding parent and substitute teachers.
CLOSED SESSION	The Board went into closed session for SESPA Negotiations and Superintendent's evaluation.
NEXT BOARD MEETING	The next Regular School Board Meeting is February 8, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. White Early Childhood Center is the academic spotlight for the next meeting.

Board Members:

*President - Warren Hill, Vice President- Carol Shirey, Secretary - Julie McCallum,
Treasurer - Clay Brown, Trustee - Dr. Jim Kerby, Trustee - Nick Lewis, Trustee - Tom DuPont*

