

A moment of silence was held in memory of
Eddie Bounthavong and Alfredo Giron Sanchez.

President S. VanderStoep called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office Training Room.

Members present: President S. VanderStoep, Vice President G. Jacob; Secretary D. Mahn; and Trustees B. Kangas, J. Miller, M. Remenschneider and R. Schipper. Also present were Superintendent T Martin; Assistant Superintendents J. English and S. Richards; and Student Senate Representative Charlie Kolean.

Members absent: None

J. Miller moved, supported by R. Schipper, that the minutes from the September 19, 2011, board meetings be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

D. Mahn moved, supported by B. Kangas, that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion was unanimously approved.

The following students were recognized for being named Western Michigan University Scholarship recipients for 2011: Tanner Bosma, Elijah Brown, Daniel Kiel, Claire Thomassen and Carley VanderPloeg. T. Martin congratulated the scholarship winners.

Linda Pinkham was recognized for coordinating the 2011-2012 Nagahama Friendship Program delegation visit to West Ottawa Public Schools and the community. L. Pinkham thanked Dr. VanderStoep, Mr. Martin, and the principals, teachers and students who hosted events during the visit. T. Martin also expressed his appreciation to Dr. VanderStoep, Kent Henson, Dave Gough, Dave Stefanich, Dennis White, Mike Fine, and Shalonda Owens for their commitment and contribution to the Nagahama Friendship Program.

There were no communications from the audience (for items on the agenda).

There was no unfinished business.

S. VanderStoep administered the Oath of Office to M. Remenschneider who took the oath and accepted the office until the May 2012 school board election.

Kent Henson introduced Alyse Bedell, College Advisor for the MSU Advising Corps, who presented information to the board about the purpose and goals of the MSU Advising Corps and the work she is doing to promote a college-going culture within West Ottawa High School.

Moved by G. Jacob, supported by R. Schipper, that the West Ottawa Board of Education adopt the 2011-2012 board goals as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by D. Mahn, that Policy 6800, System of Accounting, be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Moved by B. Kangas, supported by D. Mahn, that the following travel applications be approved pending consideration of the world situation at the time of the planned trip:

- November 4-5, 2011, High School Debate Team to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- November 11-12, 2011, High School Boy's Water Polo to State Championship Tournament in Saline, Michigan
- November 16, 2011, High School French Department to Alliance Francaise, Art Institute, and Café Bernard in Chicago, Illinois
- November 30–December 3, 2011, High School Model United Nations to Great Lakes Invitational Model United Nations in Kalamazoo, Michigan
- January 12-15, 2012, High School Model United Nations to Model United Nations Conference at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- March 23-25, 2012, High School Model United Nations to Model United Nations Conference at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan

Motion was unanimously approved.

Student Senate representative Charlie Kolean reported on the following events that took place during Homecoming Week (October 3-7): Pajama Day, Tie-dye Tuesday, Wacky Day, Epic Battle Day, Black and White Day, and the Homecoming game and dance and that he is looking forward to working on Month of Caring. T. Martin commented that the level of participation during Homecoming Week was greater than at any other district where he has worked.

S. Richards provided a MEAP update and thanked the principals for their organization of the MEAP testing.

Moved by M. Remenschneider, supported by R. Schipper, that the bills payable and revenue summaries for the month of September 2011 be approved as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Moved by R. Schipper, supported by G. Jacob, that the snowplowing and removal bids for the 2011-12 season from Tulip City Asphalt, BGR Farms, and Hossink Excavating be accepted. Motion was unanimously approved.

T. Martin thanked Sue Richards, principals, and staff for their hard work with MEAP and reported the following:

- On October 4 Office Max visited fifth-grade social studies teacher Mary Ackerson at Glerum Elementary to present her with \$1,000 in school supplies as part of Office Max's and Adopt-A-Classroom's "A Day Made Better" program. In addition, Office Max had collected and contributed an additional \$4,000 in supplies to the school. Mary was nominated for the award by interim principal Jackie DelRaso.
- The Boys' Tennis Team finished 8th at the State finals, won Regionals, and are the OK Red Conference champions.
- The Varsity Football Team qualified for the playoffs for the second year in a row.
- The Boys' Varsity Soccer team played Jenison in the opening round of Districts and will be playing at Grand Haven this Friday.
- The number reported for Count Day ended up being far fewer (156 less) students than the 7,412 students we actually had on Count Day, which was down 71 students from last year. We set the budget at 7,408 students.

T. Martin also commented that he is continually impressed with the great opportunities we offer for kids and that our programs are second to none.

There were no communications from the audience (for any issues).

Moved by D. Mahn, supported by R. Schipper, that the meeting adjourn at 7:53 p.m.
Motion was unanimously approved.

Douglas Mahn
Secretary