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WISD BOARD REPORT

A summary of school board action from WISD,
a regional educational service agency dedicated to improving student achievement.

At its February 9, 2010 regular meeting, the WISD Board of Education:

Heard a presentation on a proposed countywide International Baccalaureate Program

heard a presentation on a proposed county International Baccalaureate (IB) program from Rob Glass, Superintendent Dexter Community Schools, and Naomi Norman, WISD's Director of Assessment and Research Services. They gave an overview of the IB diploma program and curriculum which is recognized worldwide and provides its students with a global education for the 21st century. They also reviewed the exploratory committee planning process and estimated timelines for the project. Washtenaw Superintendents reviewed the proposed IB program at their December 2009, meeting and approved moving forward with the planning at their January 2010 meeting.

Received a mid-year goals report

received a mid-year update on district goals in four focus areas.

Focus Area 1 – Boundary-Spanning Partnerships and Regional Collaboration

- having ongoing discussions with community stakeholders about the creation of the “Washtenaw Promise.”
- carrying out activities to implement the WISD 20/20 Plan.
- organized a countywide group of educators and concerned citizens who communicated about the need for adequate public school funding.
- identifying regional collaboration and service sharing work like in the business services area with Lincoln Consolidated Schools and Ypsilanti Public Schools.
- entered into a shared services contract with Ann Arbor Public Schools for facilities maintenance oversight.
- facilitating the design of a countywide transportation model.
- coordinating multi-district collaboration in several technology areas including common computer software.

Focus Area 2 – Education Programs and Student Services

- exploring more extensive relationships with area hospitals to create a model employment training program so that young adult students with disabilities are more employable.
- implementing an electronic Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to enable use of data for special education program evaluation and improvement.

Focus Area 3 – Diversity, Inclusiveness and Customer Service

- continuing agency training and education efforts to create an inclusive, hospitable school and workplace with a productive and diverse workforce.

Focus Area 4 – Innovative Change in Teaching and Leading

- developing county secondary school options including New Tech High, International Baccalaureate, online options, Early College Alliance expansion, credit recovery, drop-out prevention and a Briarwood education resource option.
- expanding the Algebra Project and the Young People's Project.
- building mathematical literacy among young people in Southeastern Michigan along with representatives from universities, school districts and community organizations.

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Accepted a memorandum of understanding in support of Success by 6®

accepted and signed the Memorandum of Understanding to support Success by 6® and early childhood education. For the past four years the Success by 6® program has operated without a formal commitment from its four community partners: United Way of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor Community Foundation, Washtenaw County and WISD. The partners now want a more formal agreement to help safeguard the commitment of funds in light of current economic conditions.

Agreed to suspend stipend payments for board members

agreed to suspend Board stipend payments until there is a vote by the Board to re-instate these payments. All members present agreed to suspend—not eliminate—stipend monthly payments until such time that there is a vote by the Board to re-instate them. It was noted for the record that there are personal and employment-related expenses associated with serving as a school board member.

Rescheduled the closed session

rescheduled the closed session for Superintendent's evaluation that was scheduled for this evening to immediately following the regular WISD Board meeting of February 23, 2010. Tonight's closed session was rescheduled due to snow-covered roads and poor weather conditions.