

# Allegan Public Schools Board of Education

## Board Bulletin



*A summary of the regular Organizational meeting held July 12, 2010*

### ***New Board Officers --***

The following were elected as officers for the 2010-11 school year:

President – Phil Siegler  
Vice President – Mark Davidhizar  
Secretary – Grace Gant  
Treasurer – Dale Wittkop

### ***Board Members' Oath of Office --***

Newly-elected board member Vicki Knuckles and re-elected board member Dale Wittkop were sworn in with a formal "oath of office" administered by superintendent Kevin Harness.

### ***Board Committees --***

The following standing board committees were announced:

***Building & Grounds*** (Siegler, Tibbitts, Davidhizar)  
***Finance*** (Wittkop, Siegler, Gant)  
***Personnel*** (Tibbitts, Knuckles, Gant)  
***Policy Review*** (Kasprzyk, Tibbitts, Knuckles)  
***Curriculum/School Improvement*** (Davidhizar, Kasprzyk, Wittkop)

### ***Personnel --***

The board approved the following Personnel items:

**Retirement:** **Gloria Janke** (WW kitchen), **Ron Luyk** (Maintenance)

**Hire:** **Chelsie Henson** (teacher-WW 1<sup>st</sup> grade), **Becky Corbett** (teacher-NW kindergarten), **Nichole Dykstra** (teacher – HS/MS life management)

### ***Policy Revision –***

The board heard a first reading of a policy change to the graduation requirements for Allegan Public Schools. A "Michigan Merit Diploma" would be added as an option for Alternative High School students who qualify, requiring 18 credits instead of the usual 27.5 credits for graduation.

### ***SEIU Contract Approved***

The board approved the negotiated agreement with SEIU Local 517M (custodians and maintenance workers) for school years 2010-2013.

### ***Other Action/Discussion --***

In other action at the meeting, the Board:

- Adopted the schedule of board meetings, to be held the second Monday of each month at 7 pm (or 5:30 pm in the summer months of June, July, August).
- Designated depositories for school funds and check signature authorizations.
- Designated the superintendent as person responsible for posting public notices of meetings.
- Designated the secretary to the superintendent as the person responsible for election duties for the district.
- Approved professional organizational memberships into the ACSBA, MASB and MASB Legal Trust Fund.
- Appointed Vicki Knuckles as Allegan's representative to the Allegan County School Boards Association.
- Appointed Steve Tibbitts as delegated representative to the MASB Legislative Relations Network.
- Appointed Mark Davidhizar as its delegated representative to the APS Health Education Advisory Committee.
- Approved district legal council through *Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel* (local) and *Thrun Law Firm* (school law specialists).
- Approved annual membership to the MHSAA.
- "Opted in" to the State of Michigan's School of Choice plan, via Section 105 and 105c of the State Aid Act.
- Approved an amendment to the Michigan School Energy Cooperative Inter-local Agreement.
- Approved a resolution containing a repayment schedule to the School Bond Loan Fund.

***The next regularly-scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Monday, August 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building (550 Fifth Street). Persons who need special accommodations should contact the superintendent at 673-5431 ten days prior to the meeting.***