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**COFFEE CLUTCH NEWS**



**December 7, 2011**  
**School Board Meeting Notes**

**News**

Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> is the last student day before Winter Break. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

The Alternative Education Program Students and Staff will be donating a Christmas Tree to Project Blessing for a family in need.

The Township of Sanilac congratulated the Football Team on winning the Eight-Man Football State Championship. The letter stated "Coach Brabant and his team have again demonstrated that dedication and hard work can result in success on the field, a lesson and a memory that those young men will carry with them for a lifetime. Just as importantly, the CPS Tigers' sportsmanship and discipline both on and off the field was remarkable and refreshing."

Also, former CPS staff member, Tony McClain congratulated the team on winning the Championship, as well as, the great character, dignity and class with which they did it.

Ed James Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor is having the High School Gym Roof Leak evaluated for repair.

**Agenda**

**2010-11 Audit Presentation**

Val Hartel, CPA and partner of the firm of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt and Doran along with David Ondrajka, presented the 2010-11 audit as follows:

The General Fund ended the 2010-11 school year with a fund balance of \$555,139, this is a loss of \$192,718 from the previous year. The auditors recommend that the District have 10-20% of expenditures as a General Fund balance. The 2010-11 General Fund revenues were \$5,124,045 and expenditures were \$5,316,763. The 2010-11 Food Service Program had an increase of \$3,436 to its fund balance.

The auditor commended the Board of Education and Administration on a good audit and no significant findings.

**Parent Transportation Request**

The Board of Education approved the parental request to allow students to cross the road when boarding and exiting the bus.

## **Bullying Policy**

The Board of Education approved the following Bullying Policy.

### *CARSONVILLE – PORT SANILAC BULLYING POLICY*

Bullying is a form of harassment.” For the purposes of this policy, “bullying” is defined as: “The repeated intimidation, or emotional abuse of others by the infliction of harm of any kind to the person or property of others whether real or threatened, as transmitted verbally, in writing, or electronically transmitted (often referred to as “cyber bullying”) either in or outside of school. It may include, but not be limited to, actions such as:

- 1) Verbal, written, or electronically transmitted taunts, name-calling and put-downs.
- 2) Ethnically-based or gender based put-downs.
- 3) Extortion or attempted extortion of money or possessions.
- 4) Systematic exclusion from peer groups within school.

**Hazing**-(activities that endanger the physical health or safety of the individual and which is done intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly for the purpose of membership in an organization or for the purpose of holding a specific position.) Hazing violates State law. Students engaging in any hazing or hazing-type behavior will be subject to the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct as would apply to any other student violation of State law. Such identified conduct is disruptive of the educational process and, therefore, bullying is not acceptable behavior in this District, and is prohibited.

Students who engage in any act of bullying while at school, at any schools function, in connection to or with any District sponsored activity or event, while enroute to or from school, or outside of school hours if the bullying is likely to carry some connection to, or have an effect upon, the school environment are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion. As may be required by law, law enforcement officials shall be notified of bullying incidents.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative regulations and programs that will increase awareness of the problem of bullying, and train teachers and other staff to intervene effectively if bullying is witnessed in their presence or brought to their attention. In designing administrative regulations and anti-bullying programs or strategies, the Superintendent should consult with the greater school community, including students.

The policy shall not be interpreted to prohibit a reasoned and civil exchange of opinions, or debate that is protected by state or federal law.

## **PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING WHAT A STUDENT BELIEVES IS BULLYING**

- **Immediately** notify a teacher, counselor, or the building principal if you feel you are being bullied.
- The student should also speak to their parent about the bullying incident. It is recommended that the parent contact the Principal and also the parent of the suspected bully to help find a resolve of the issue.
- Contacting the police is also an option for the parent of the child being bullied.

**Action must be taken immediately.** Quick reporting of bullying incidents to the authorities, can limit, or stop any future bullying incidents.

All reported bullying incidents will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action, including police report, suspension or expulsion.

## **Employee Reassignment/Resignation**

The Board of Education approved the request by Brenda Cutler, Elementary Principal to return to the classroom beginning in the 2012-13 school year, with regrets.

The Board of Education approved the resignation of Dawn Titus, Special Education Director/Teacher Consultant beginning in the 2012-13 school year, with regrets.

## **Closed Session – Attorney Communication/Employee Negotiations**

The Board of Education adjourned to closed session at 9:55 p.m. for the purpose of Attorney Communication/Employee Negotiations and returned to Open Session at 10:13 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 12, 2012.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.