

## **Board Briefs: Update from the Kent City Schools Board of Education**

At the August 19, 2014, regular board meeting held at 5:30 p.m. at Roosevelt High School library, the Board of Education took the following actions:

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Announced the publication of the annual calendar, which is mailed to all homes in Kent.
- Heard a report from **Linda Paulus**, Director of Assessment, about the district's preliminary test scores. Although awaiting final and official scores, the district's 2014 Achievement Score is an A and the Performance Index is 101.8.
- **Jim Soyars**, Director of Business Services, presented details about bus and parent drop-offs at the four elementary schools, including changes at Davey. Davey parents will be mailed a flyer, as well as receive a flyer detailing these changes at Meet the Teacher night.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Recognized **Nelson Burns**, **Tim Penix** and **Jim Smith** of Coleman Professional Services and **Helene Leightner** and **Kevin Gowan** of the Portage County Department of Jobs and Family Services as the Collaborative Organization of the month. The two organizations assisted in a TANF grant-funded summer work program, which employed students who worked in the district.
- Recognized the Kent Rotary Club and the Kent Rotary Club Foundation for their support of the Traveling Tales backpack project. President **Carol Crimi** and District Grant Committee Chair **Larry Lohman** accepted the award for the project, which provides school supplies and pleasure reading books for Kent students.
- Heard financial reports and approved the bills.
- Appointed **Marlene Dorsey** as delegate and **Brian Boykin** as alternate to OSBA Capital Conference.
- Approved the 2014-2015 bus stop list.
- Approved participation in Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program.
- Approved contract for grant-funded Parent-Mentor Services program.
- Approved 2014-2015 handbooks.
- Approved agreement for health insurance administrative services.
- Approved agreement with Western Reserve Educational Services for 2014-2015.
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding with Project Learn to provide free services for community members.
- Approved contract with OSBA Ohio Policy Services for annual updates.
- Approved lease agreement with Unitarian Universalist Church for Central parking lot.
- Approved revised lease agreement with Head Start for more space at Central.
- Approved increase in hourly rates for substitute bus drivers.
- Approved release for the purposes of transportation.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES:**

- Approved appointment of **Angela Cahill**, part-time speech/language pathologist at Holden, and **Karen Muller**, intervention specialist at Longcoy.
- Approved appointments/transfers of classified, curriculum study and substitutes.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Accepted donations totaling \$2,575.