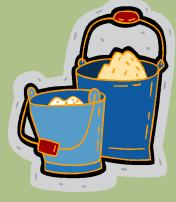


# Board & District Notes



Including highlights from the April 20, 2010  
Board of Education Meeting

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## NCA SPOTLIGHTS

Garner Elementary teacher Chris Lamb presented the following NCA Spotlights for April:

**Garner** - At Garner, we have completed and submitted our NCA Self Assessment Plan. We will be completing our Book Study this month, and we will be starting a Professional Summer Reading Book Study as well. The three elementary schools were chosen out of 12 schools to receive a multi-cultural Chinese assembly through the Confucius Institute. This program tied nicely with our current Chinese language instruction that we are currently receiving that has our students getting a true global experience.

**Lacure** - Last week, Lacure hosted Parent Night with author, Anne Margaret Lewis. We had parents and students that went away with excitement for reading. Also, last Thursday Lacure was the first school to host the Chinese assembly. Our students learned about the language, culture and martial arts. This was a wonderful experience for our students. April 30 will be our last book study meeting. Meeting together as a staff has helped us align our individual teaching styles for the good of the students.

**Edgerton** - Edgerton has been working very hard on our C Is for Clio alphabet book. The book is an alphabet book about Clio, *now and then*, each class has one or two letters of the alphabet, and each child in the building has at least one picture in the book. Many citizens came to visit the classes to share their Clio history with the classes. The book is a similar to a mosaic. The U of M is publishing it for us. This book was made possible through many grants totaling \$5,400.

Sharon Haw and Patty Bowen have chaired this endeavor and put in over one hundred hours on this project.

**Middle School** - Currently the Middle School is preparing to honor their 5th, 6th and 7th graders on the great job they did on the MEAP. This will take place on April 21 in the high school auditorium with 5th grade at 5:30 p.m. and 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

As a staff, we are also preparing the Advance Ed Accreditation Progress Report (APR). It is a report that is due for the Middle School on May 1, 2011.

That is right, May 2011. The Middle School, like all the other buildings in Clio, has spent countless hours on making the necessary changes so that Clio students are put in the best possible position. With all the work we have done, we feel confident in sending the APR a year early showing that student achievement and their success is the forefront of our education. The APR consists of the categories that the visiting Quality Assurance Review (QAR) team (March 2009) felt was necessary for CMS to be more successful.

With the amount of work by every stakeholder, we hope this is music to the Board's ears, to know that we have successfully implemented and continue to follow through with these recommendations set forth by the QAR team. We should have an answer no later than the beginning of the next school year, but no need to hold your breath. The teachers at CMS have it covered, but by all means stop by and see the great things going on!!

**High School** - The high school took the Keys survey and will review the data at our next NCA meeting. We will also compare it to the years prior to determine new goals related to the

Keys survey.

## PRESENTATIONS

Carrie Ammons presented the MAP and MEAP data.

Beth Rayl gave a presentation on MEAP data.

## BID FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRE ALARM

The Board accepted a bid from Ted's Electric Service in the amount of \$59,500.00 for a new fire alarm system for Carter Middle School. This project is necessary to replace the antiquated system at the middle school.

## RETIREMENT OF A CUSTODIAN

The Board accepted a letter of retirement from **Sue Hornung** from her position as a custodian at Lacure Elementary School. Sue has worked for the Clio School District for the past 31 years.

## RESIGNATION OF A TEACHER

The Board accepted a letter of resignation from **Elizabeth Holloway** from her position as a teacher at Clio High School, effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year. Elizabeth currently teaches math at the high school.

## BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

The Board of Education passed a resolution supporting the Regional Planning Board's creation of a "Blue

Ribbon Committee" to study the economic future of the Clio area for the next decade, at no cost to any supporting unit of government, and for the purposes of examining strategies that will improve the area's economic base and to report those findings and recommendations as necessary to develop a strategic plan of action to promote those initiatives.

**GENNET AGREEMENT**

The Board of Education continues to look at cost-saving ways to provide "voice, video and data" services to our district.

**EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

Initial interviews were held on Thursday, April 22 and second interviews are scheduled for Monday, April 26.

**SUMMER PROJECTS**

The Board discussed the following projects that are scheduled for this summer:

- MS Fire Alarm System
- MS Front Parking Conversion to Playground and Bus Loop
- Energy Conservation Projects

**FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT**

The consensus of the Board was to extend the current contract with Chartwells Food Service. They have been very responsive to the requests that have been made of them and have incorporated the tenets of our Healthy Community Initiative.

**GISD BUDGET FOR 2010-11**

The Board will vote on this budget at their next meeting.

**SUPPORT FOR SELECTION OF GISD SUPERINTENDENT**

Henry Hatter will be writing a letter to the GISD requesting involvement of the local districts in the selection of the new superintendent.

**BUDGET FOR 2010-11**

Mr. Spears will have the budget ready for review at the May 18 board meeting. The current information from the State is that we will receive a \$283

per student cut. Our MESSA rates have increased by 16.9%, an increase of \$629,000 for next year.

**VOLUNTEER DINNER**

The Board of Education discussed their annual Volunteer Dinner on Wednesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All staff is welcome to attend. Please RSVP.



**CBA AWARDS CEREMONY**

Board members Robert Swartwood and Robert Gaffney will be recognized by the Michigan Association of School Boards on April 29, 2010. This event recognizes board members for their attendance at classes and events that further their knowledge of the duties of school board members.

**REQUEST FROM PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**

The Clio Area Parks and Recreation board has requested a \$500 donation from each governmental unit to support major innovative changes in the Clio community. This topic will be discussed at future meetings.

**BUDGET HEARING**

The Board has set a budget hearing for June 15, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

**RACE TO THE TOP**

Governor Granholm has announced the State will be applying for the second round of Race to the Top funding.

We are waiting for more information and how the Memorandums of Understanding will be requested.

**CALENDAR**

**April 2010**

- 26-30 .....Kdg. Screening at Early El.
- 28 ..... CMS Career Day
- Annual Volunteer Dinner
- Garner Talent Show

Blood Driver at Lacure

**May 2010**

- 3-7..... Teacher Request Week in Elem.
- 4..... Annual School Election
- Board of Education work Session
- 5..... MEAP Awards for Grades 3-4
- 6..... Garner 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical
- 7..... Lacure 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Fling
- 8..... High School Prom at SVSU
- 10-12 ..... MS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- 10-14 ..... Teacher Request Week for MS
- Lacure Book Fair
- 11... Garner 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recorder Concert
- 12..... Lacure Talent Show
- Garner Blood Drive
- 13.....Lacure Choir Concert
- Edgerton Talent Show
- 14.....Blood Drive at HS
- Alternative Education Prom
- 17.....Mother-Daughter Tea
- 18..... Board of Education Meeting
- 20.....Senior Honors Night

**"ARE YOU A BUCKET FILLER?"**

This remarkable teenager loved to skateboard, ride his bicycle and play football and basketball. For the most part, the California 14-year-old was just like other kids his age. What made him remarkable was his ability to master these activities despite the fact that he was blind. He had both eyes removed after being diagnosed with retinal cancer at age two. To most people's amazement upon meeting him, he seemed completely unfazed by his lack of sight, defying common stereotypes about blindness as a disability. So how did he do it? The answer is echolocation: the sonar navigation technique used by bats, dolphins, several other mammals and some birds. As he moved about, he habitually made clicking noises with his tongue; these sounds bounced off surfaces and, with each return, added to his perception of his surroundings.

He was so good at it that he could tell the difference between a fire hydrant and a rubbish bin, distinguish between parked cars and trucks, and – if you took him to a house he had never been to before – he would tell you he could "see" a staircase in that corner and a kitchen in the other. He could even distinguish between different materials.

An unflinching faith guided him and

his mother during his last few months as the cancer spread. He finally died in January 2009 at the age of 16. Who was this remarkable young man?

**The answer to the last "Fill Your Bucket" was Mrs. Nat King Cole. The winner was Bill Schott.**

*Treat every Clio student like they will someday be a Harvard graduate and who knows, they might even be your boss!!*