

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK
1123 Lexington Boulevard
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE
DISCUSSION MEETING**

DECEMBER 10, 2009

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: President, Michael Hartman; Vice-President, Gary Briggs; Secretary, Kevin McLogan; Treasurer, Deborah Anderson; Trustee, Marty Cardamone; and Trustee, Christine Hartwig

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent, Thomas Moline; Executive Director Business and Technology Services, G. Anders Linell; Executive Director Business and Personnel Services, John Schwartz; Executive Director Student Services, Carol Hansen; Executive Director Administrative Services, Cheryl Goodgine; visitors and a member of the press

ABSENT: Trustee, Lisa Bradford

1. All Day Kindergarten

In a review of the District providing all day kindergarten at Oakland and Upton Elementary buildings, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Olson provided a presentation regarding the instructional academic benefits of an all day kindergarten program. Data from AIMSweb and nationally normed tests was provided. Comparison of data from all day and half day kindergarten into the first grade were provided. Michigan Literacy Progress Profile (MLPP) comparison was also provided.

Mrs. Goodgine presented information on non-resident students enrolling into our all day kindergarten over the past two years and the retention into first grade.

2. Bloomfield Hills International Academy Program

Carol Hansen explained Royal Oak's participation in and the make-up of the International Academy (IA) in Bloomfield Hills School District. Five new students are drawn by lottery each year from Royal Oak for 9th grade to attend the IA, for a total of 20 spots at the IA. Mrs. Hansen reviewed costs associated with the program and stated that Royal Oak provides two staff members for the program.

There was discussion on a Diploma Programme and Middle Years Programme and the costs involved given these economic times for expanding on the International Baccalaureate Program.

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There was discussion regarding phasing out participation. The Board shared their thoughts regarding the IA program and Royal Oak moving into Middle Years Programme (6-10 grade) and the Diploma Programme (11-12) grade.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Board of Education