

Board report September 9, 2009

Still spending a lot of time “dealing” with the Executive Order that closes HAL, trying to determine fact from fiction.

Senate voted down the Executive Order 8/27. The vote was pretty much party line. Only 3 democrats crossed over to vote for the bill.

The House now must act. It is unlikely the House will take up the issue.

State Aid is still at the 7.5 million (Senate) or 7.3 million (House). MLA is working to get it back to 10 million. MLA has dropped its opposition to the Exec. Order.

Though the Order takes affect 10/1/09, it will take some time to put everything in place. It is the charge to the MCIR to determine the fate of HAL agencies. Its report is due June 1, 2010. The Gov. amended her Order to include a librarian/archivist/historian. I am not sure if that is 1 or 3 people.

Staff plans to attend the rally in Lansing on Thursday.

Membership changes: We lost 4 associate members this year: Reese High School, Laker High School; Mayville Community Schools; Northwood University. We added 2: Ovid Elsie Schools and Carsonville-Port Sanilac H. S.

The 5th floor of LM should be opening by the end of the month. The final stage is to replace the carpeting. To do that, of course, everything must be taken off the floor, stored and returned.

BTOP grant was submitted. We expect to hear by the end of October whether or not we will get the computers.

Signed a contract with Overdrive. Sheila and I plus the 12 other members of this group attended our first day of training last Wednesday.

Nancy Robertson wanted more changes to our Plan of Service. They have been made and resubmitted to LM.

On the 27th, I went to Pigeon to present a board training session.

Searching out information to put on Fuelyourmind.org. Please check it out.

The CDA has invited Superintendent Flanagan to meet with us at our August 28 meeting. At this point, he has not responded. –He did not respond.

October 14 annual meeting with Warren Graham, the “Blackbelt Librarian” should be a good program. It is an excellent staff development day.

November 18, 1 – 4pm. Homework Help, with Elizabeth Andresen.