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 "I think trust is a good word to describe it," Merritt told the board. The experience of serving on the board "was the best," she said.

"I think trust is a good word to describe it," said Vanderburgh. "It's something I think we've earned and something I hope will persist. We're very fortunate to have the best team of administration and staff."

Among other commendations, the board recognized the following:

*High school teacher Heidi Steinbrink on achieving National Board Certification, which is earned by demonstrating knowledge and skills through a series of performance-based assessments that include student work samples, video tapes, and rigorous analyses of classroom teaching and student learning.

*District nurse Sue Martin, RN, for her efforts in preparing the recent H1N1 vaccine clinics. She served as Oakwood's liaison with Dayton Montgomery County Public Health. A thanks also goes to the district nursing staff Bobbie Logan and Rhonda Wootton; building secretaries Nanci Koepke, Janet Bourne, Brenda Casterline, Dawne Roeckner and Vicki Roberts; and administrators Kathy Bartalo, Nance Bradds, Allyson Couch, Dan Weckstein, Mark Hughes, Paul Waller, Pam Taiclet, Kevin Philo and Dr. Kim Kappler Hewitt.

*Community volunteers who assisted with the H1N1 vaccine clinics: Melissa Bell, RN, Terri Caputo-Jones, RN, Dr. Bruce Hall, Cari Hopkins, Kris Horlacher, RN, Karen Keller, RN, Theresa Kern, RN, Emma Kipp, RN, Nancy Kravitz, Mary Johnson, RN, Jennifer McKinnon, RN, Donna Miles-Curry, RN, Shirley Murphy, RN, Shari Scharrer, RN, Lisa Schreck, RN, Diane Scott, RN, Lee Slicer, Dr. Ed Spitzmiller, Cindy Streidl, RN, Carleen Turner, RN, Debbie Ulrich, RN, Lorna Waters-

Tellez, RN, and Christine Wright, RN.

During the board's curricular showcase, Dr. Kim Kappler Hewitt gave an overview of the new Ohio Core graduation requirements that go into effect with the Class of 2014.

Ohio Core, which is mandated by the passing of Ohio Senate Bill 311, outlines specific curricular requirements for high school graduates in 2014. They include four units of English, four units of math, three units of social studies, three units of science, five units of electives, unit each of health and P.E., and two semesters of fine arts. According to Kappler Hewitt, a policy on credit flexibility is expected as Ohio Core evolves, and Oakwood District plans to begin implementing the requirements next school year.

"For the most part, Oakwood is already positioned for Ohio Core. We also have a communications plan (for it) between students, parents and teachers that began going out in report cards in November," said Kappler Hewitt.

For more information on Ohio Core visit www.education.ohio.gov and type "Ohio Core" in the keyword search.

High School juniors Madeline Lehrner and Adam Sobol gave the board an update on the progress of the new Principal/Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee. They said the committee has had a lot of discussion recently on a variety of topics, the most popular being that of leadership. Lehrner said there is an idea to form a leadership camp and implement special activities for incoming freshmen "so that they feel more united with their group (and) learn how to become better leaders." Such leaders will be nominated at school, and the goal is find those who are new to leadership "who could use this (experience) to build their self confidence," said

Lehrner.

Among legislation, the board approved the following:

*Naming Ms. Reger as chairperson pro-tem for the January organizational meeting until the new board president is named.

*Appointing newly-elected board members Jon Barhorst and Ted Frederick to the district's Business Advisory Committee, effective immediately.

*Reappointing Beverly K. Jones-Arthur as a member of the Wright Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees for the term of Jan. 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2016.

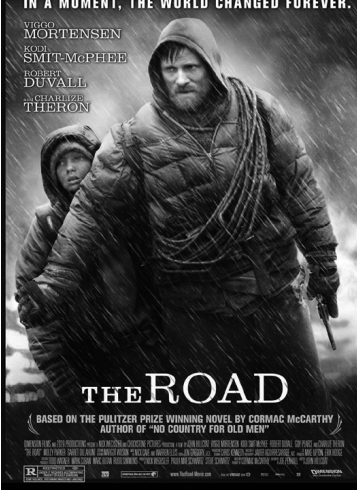
*Adopting the course proposal for "Music History: How Rock and Roll Became Rock and Roll" at the junior high school for grades 7 and 8.

Oakwood Board of Education will hold its organizational meeting for 2010 on Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m. at the district central office.

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