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# BOARD BRIEFS

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SUMMARY OF THE INTERIM MEETING  
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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## STUDENT ITEM

Students from Mott High School presented information to the Board of Education about Mott High School's designation as a "No Place for Hate" school.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SUPERINTENDENT

Kirk Hensler - Superintendent Silveri introduced Mr. Kirk Hensler, community member and active Waterford School District parent. Mr. Hensler is employed as the Vice-President of Operations for Premier/ Mayflower and has played an instrumental role in facilitating the donation of used office furniture as Premier/Mayflower is contracted to clear out office spaces and dispose of the furniture. Mr. Hensler has sorted through the furniture and delivered hundreds of items to both Mott and Kettering High Schools. Items received by these buildings include office desks, chairs, file cabinets, bookshelves, tables, and other items.

During these challenging economic times, the generosity of our community members and local businesses are critical and such contributions make a significant impact to the District. On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Silveri thanked Mr. Hensler and Premier/Mayflower for your continued support and the numerous contributions you have made to the Waterford School District.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

**Count Day Celebration** - On September 29, 2010 (Count Day) every student who participated in the school lunch program received a free pass to Jeepers Indoor Amusement Park at Great Lake Crossing. This was the second year of for the successful Count Day event. The admission passes entitled students and families to all the rides and the Imaginarea Soft Play Pit. A separate night of celebration was set up for each of the Waterford School District elementary schools, Stepanski Early Childhood Center, and Kingsley Montgomery School during the week of October 11-15, 2010 (National School Lunch Week).

**Grant** - Houghton Elementary has received a \$750 grant from Exxon Mobil Education Alliance Program to support their school's programs. McPherson Oil Company, located in Howell, worked with school officials to secure the grant which is funded by Exxon Mobil Corporation. Edward Eid of McPherson Oil presented the check to Ray Nester, Houghton Principal. The grant is one of 2,400 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations.

**Mott Cross Country** - The MHSAA Cross Country Regionals, held Saturday, October 30, proved to be a stellar day for Mott High School. Mott students Shannon Osika and Scott Albaugh are both Regional Champions and, for the first time in Mott Cross Country history, both the boys and girls team qualified for the State finals in Brooklyn, MI this Saturday!

Mott High School has begun a new tradition, the Champion Walk, to cheer on our teams that advance to a state final. The Mott drum line will lead a walk through the halls with the teams following behind. Students, staff, parents, and Board members are invited to line our halls to wish them well as they head off to state competition. The Champion's Walk for our Cross Country teams will be this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:55pm. The state meet will be held at 2:00 and 3:00 PM on Saturday at MIS and we wish both teams the best of luck as they compete!

**JEA Scholarship** - On Monday, the Journalism Education Association announced the recipients of the JEA Future Teacher of the Year Scholarship. Jayna Salk, who was a two-year editor-in-chief for the *Murmur* and a 2007 Kettering graduate, was named as one of three people in the country to win this prestigious award. She will be accepting her certificate and scholarship at the JEA national convention in Kansas City next week.

Jayna is a senior journalism student at Michigan State University and plans to do her student teaching in a journalism classroom next year. You might also remember that our own Jesse McLean was one of the winners of this award last year, so this makes two recipients with Kettering ties in two years.

**Gold Circle Awards** - The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has announced the winners from the newspaper and magazine categories of its 27 Gold Circle Awards program. There were 9,460 Gold Circle Award entries from colleges, universities, and secondary schools throughout the United States. Begun in 1984, these awards celebrate individual achievement by student writers, editors, designers, and photographers. These entries are work produced from June 16, 2009 - June 15, 2010. Yearbook awards are announced later in the year. Students on the *Murmur* staff at Waterford Kettering placed in four categories:

***Sports Commentary***

Liz Sawyer, Kettering Alumni  
 "Death of Ernie Harwell..."

***News Feature***

Jamie Monville, Kettering Student  
 "Here for the summer"

***Page One Design: Newsmagazine Format Black and White***

Betty Buynak, Kettering Alumni  
 "Masking the Pain"

***Single Subject News or Feature Package, Single Page: Newsmagazine or Magazine Format BW***

Melinda White and Shelby Yeater, Kettering Students  
 "Let my people smoke"

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Unofficial Election Results** -The Board of Education received the unofficial Board of Education election results from the November 2, 2010 election.

**E-rate Secondary Data Links** - As part of our continuous improvement process, network infrastructure was identified as an area of high need due to the increased demand for bandwidth in our buildings. We initiated a network assessment through BT-Ins last year to identify ways of increasing the throughput within our current network. After making the recommended modifications, it was clear that our current network infrastructure was not capable of handling the demands of our students and staff. Through our E-rate consultant's guidance, we filed a request for proposals from companies that would be able to provide data links from each of our secondary buildings to the Covert Center, our network hub for the district. The buildings included in the proposals were: Kettering, Mott, Pierce, Mason/Mason North and Crary. These data links will provide over one hundred times the throughput of the current connections. Going through E-rate allows the district to receive reimbursement at the current rate of 62% off of the annual data links cost starting next year.

After reviewing the 13 proposals submitted, we are recommending that Comcast be awarded a 5 year contract for providing the data links. Their bid was significantly less than the other companies for the bandwidth they are offering, and their current presence in the community will enable them to create the links in a much faster time frame. This project will be fully funded through our current E-rate reimbursement dollars. Funding Source: E-rate

**Special Education IDEA-ARRA Technology Infusion** - The Waterford School District has been awarded IDEA-ARRA dollars for the infusion of technology into Waterford School District special education classrooms. Through a needs assessment process, the district identified technology as a priority and an action plan was developed. Our IDEA Technology Plan was approved by the Michigan Department of Education. This plan provides 46 special education classrooms with state of the art interactive technology incorporated in SMART Boards, projectors, Smart Response Systems and new computers. The IDEA-ARRA funding is one time only and will cover all of the expenses involved in installation and professional development. The administration is requesting approval to purchase equipment from the following vendors:

Vendor	Equipment	Total
Dell	Computers, Projectors & Mounting Hardware	\$136,232.00
SMART Ed Services/REMC	Smart Boards and Smart Response Systems	\$198,498.00

Smart Ed Services is part of the REMC bid, and Dell has been a long standing partner with the district, providing us with 3% lower than REMC pricing, training for our technology staff and proven hardware. Funding Source: IDEA-ARRA

## NEW BUSINESS

**Great Start Readiness Participating Resolution** - The Board of Education approved the Great Start Readiness Participating Resolution for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Contract Changes/Appointments** - The Board of Education approved the following teaching/administrative contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:

Bell, Nicole, Counselor  
Mott High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective November 17, 2010

Wiley, Derek, Counselor  
Mott High School  
100% Tenure Contract  
Effective TBD

## FUTURE

### November 18, 2010

Student - Nutrition and Fitness  
Information - Athletic and Activity Report  
Action - E-rate Secondary Data Link  
Action - Special Education IDEA-ARRA Technology Infusion

For information on these subjects, watch the replay of the Board meeting on Channel 22 Friday following the meeting at 10:00 AM, Sunday at 12:00 PM, again the following Monday at 8:00 PM. Board of Education meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.