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# WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Board Briefs

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**SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING**

**January 10, 2008**

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## RECOGNITION BY SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD PRESIDENT

St. Perpetua Knights of Columbus - The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools recognized the St. Perpetua Knights of Columbus Council. Representing the Council was Rob Seeterlin, as well as Grand Knight Chester O'Parka and Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired Chairman, Joe Jungles.

As a result from the hard work and commitment to this cause, Kingsley Montgomery School recently received a check in the amount of \$500 from the Council from generous donations to the Tootsie Roll Drive held in October. This drive, conducted annually by the St. Perpetua Knights of Columbus Council, makes a significant impact on the lives of the mentally impaired in our schools and community.

Thank you to these fine gentlemen and this Council for your overwhelming support of the Waterford School District and your continuous community involvement.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

**Lifetime Achievement Award** - Congratulations to Shelia Lee, former teacher and head cheerleading coach at Waterford Mott High School, for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Cheerleaders Coaches Association in November. The award is based on cheerleading coaches' services to MCCA, longevity in coaching, and whose teams have excelled in game cheering and competition. Shelia has been a MCCA Conference speaker on game cheering, is a former MCCA Executive Board Member, and was named Coach of the Year in 2002. Currently, Shelia serves on the MCCA Board of Directors as public relations director. Shelia Lee lead the cheerleading program at Waterford Mott High School for 25 years before she retired earlier this year.

**Crary Family Fund** - The Crary Middle School staff has long had a Crary Family Fund that contributes to families in need at the school. This year, thanks to fundraising activities and staff donations, the Crary Family Fund was able to give 14 families a \$50 Meijer gift card at Thanksgiving and was able to give 22 families a \$100 gift card at Christmas. We would like to offer a special thank you to Meijer for donating \$500 to the Family Fund and to Sue Bartle, Crary Office Manager, for donating her entire M&M collection, which was sold and the money raised was over \$500 for the Family Fund. Additionally, the Crary staff donated approximately 40 toys to help replace the toys stolen from the Waterford K-Mart on Dixie Highway.

**All County Robotics Team** - Congratulations to Chris Dupuis, Waterford Kettering student, for being named to the 2007 All-County Robotics Team. The All-County Robotics Team consists of the most valuable players from each of the 25 teams that participated in the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association Competitions. The players were selected by their teammates, coaches, and mentors and were presented with medals and certificates. The Waterford Team won the Beautiful Bot Award for their unique design.

**ASD Program Receives Grants** - Congratulations to several staff who were recently each awarded grants of \$1000 from the Autism Society of Michigan. This money was awarded for their work with students who have autism and will support necessary materials that will be used for social and behavioral support skill training. The grant recipients are as follows: Rebecca Platero, Teacher at Donelson Hills Elementary, Rita Dachs, Teacher at Crary Middle School, and Leigh Sarfati, Special Education Specialist. Congratulations to these folks for the efforts that they made to pursue this grant opportunity!

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

**Waterford Federation of Support Personnel Contract Ratification** - The Waterford Board of Education received a recommended tentative agreement between the Waterford School District and the Waterford Federation of Support Personnel for review.

**Exam Schedule Report** - Craig Blomquist and Donna Hillstrom provided a report to the Board of Education regarding the exam schedule.

**PEG Programming** - November 15, the Waterford School District received notice from Comcast that the District's Educational Access Channel 22 was being moved to digital channel 902. The District channel has been moved in the past, but this time is different. Current viewers will not be able to receive our channel unless they get additional equipment for their TV's. Viewers who have basic cable service and not digital service will need to obtain a converter box from Comcast. The box can be picked up at the Comcast office in Pontiac as Comcast has chosen to close their Waterford location. The customer can also request that a box be delivered to their home. Comcast has agreed to allow each house hold one free box for one year. However, customers with multiple TV's in their home will need a converter box for each TV at an additional cost to them.

The District has worked hard and invested a lot of resources into our Educational Access Channel, including branding it as "The Information Station, Channel 22" on all of our graphics, District Website, newsletters, and mailers. As you know, we use it to showcase District concerts, sporting events, and important emergency information. We feel it is an important communication tool for the District and that parents have come to rely on it. We fear this move will not make it accessible to all of our viewers. While we hope that our loyal viewers will take the steps necessary to continue to receive our channel, our greater hope is that Comcast will reconsider this move. The move is scheduled to take place on January 15. Residents with questions can contact Comcast at 877-824-2984.

**Head Start Reports** -The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's report for December 2007 and the Financial Report for November 2007.

**Head Start Policies** - The Head Start program is required by the federal government to have a policy committee. This committee meets monthly for the purpose of developing and approving policies for the Head Start program. All policies developed and approved by this committee also require Board of Education approval. The Board of Education received the Head Start Code of Operations, Reimbursement Policy, Recruitment Policy, Governance Plan, Internal Dispute Resolution, Grievance Policy, Personnel Policies, and the Hiring/Termination Policy of Director/Staff for review. The Board will be asked to vote on these policies on January 17.

**WOMC Marketing/Salvation Army Bed & Bread Sponsorship** - Rhonda Lessel, Supervisor of School and Community Services, shared information with the Board of Education about the District's marketing efforts with WOMC Radio and the co-sponsorship of the Salvation Army's Junior Bed and Bread program.

NEW BUSINESS

2007-2008 Revised Budget - The Board of Education approved the resolution for the 2007-2008 revised budget. Further information relative to the revised budget is available through the Office of Business Services - Finance and Budget, 248-682-7800.

Michigan School Readiness Program Resolution - The Board of Education approved the participating resolution for the Michigan School Readiness Program.

PEG Programming Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution requesting preservation of existing channel locations for public, governmental, and educational access channels, also known as PEG programming.

Contract Changes/Appointments - The Board of Education approved the following contract changes/appointments:

Tiffany DeClerck, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Beaumont/Haviland Elementary Schools  
Effective January 22, 2008

Esther Faber, Social Worker  
100% Annual Contract  
Kingsley Montgomery School  
Effective January 22, 2008

Tiffany Farkas, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Knudsen Elementary School  
Effective January 22, 2008

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations/retirements:

William Gesaman, Principal  
Riverside Elementary School  
Effective January 1, 2008

Wayne Malin, Assistant Principal  
Crary Middle School  
Effective January 1, 2008

Edward Dominic Nepa, Teacher  
Beaumont and Haviland Elementary Schools  
Effective January 21, 2008

FUTURE

January 17, 2007

- Student - Crary Chinese Program
- Student - Clay Animation
- Information - Food Service Update
- Information - Waterford Teen Health Center
- Action - Head Start Policies

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, and again the following Monday at 8:00 PM. The Interim and Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.