
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2008

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Chinese at Crary Middle School - Craig Blomquist, principal, Lily Cappel, instructor, and Bethany Wakefield, parent volunteer, along with Crary Middle School students, provided an overview to the Board of Education on the Exploring Chinese Program.

Pierce Clay Animation - Pierce Art and Computer Teachers, Pat Burlison and Althea Doolittle, have been collaborating for eight years to teach a Clay Animation class to 8th grade students at Pierce. In this semester class, students work in teams of three to research an important moment in American History. They create a storyboard, build clay characters, and construct a background setting and props. Next, teams take digital photos of their characters in action. Students then make a movie using Frames software. Their final presentation is done in PowerPoint where narration is added to bring their moment in history to life. This program was recognized with a 2nd place award from The Oakland Press Excellence in Education program in 2001 and received recognition from MEA's Showcasing Student Success in 2002. Recently, Pat and Althea received a MEEMIC Foundation grant for clay animation. Through a combination of fund-raising, CTE, PAVA support, and grant money the class continues to stay on the leading edge of technology with new digital cameras, software, USB microphones, a document camera, and a computer projector. A hallmark of this class is the creativity of the teachers and the opportunity for students to experience the real-world demands of working as a team.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Geography Bee - Congratulations to Jude Sundquist, winner of the 2008 Mason Middle School Geography Bee contest. Jude will move on to take a written test to be submitted for competition at the State level. Best of luck to Jude as his work advances.

DECA - Fourteen Waterford DECA students have qualified to compete in the State Career Development conference in March. Over 700 students, from 22 area high schools, competed at the district level. The competition involved completion of a written test and role play in a chosen occupational area. Representing Waterford Schools in the State Competition will be Kettering students, Josh Magnan, Allan Roltsch, Jared Weston, Julie Harkins, Molly Erznosnik, Sarah Nagel, Allison Hubbell, Hanna Langston, Jessical Dinger, and Jennifer Sulick, along with Mott students, Amanda Mass, Rob Wood, Teddy Drussel, and Aaron Radin. Their teachers are Jennifer Karpushenkoff, from Kettering and Nancy Haller, from Mott. Congratulations to all those students that participated in this event.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Waterford Teen Health Center - Dottie Rodriguez, Waterford Teen Health Center nurse practitioner, and Andy Kruse, Genesys Health Systems, provided an update to the Board of Education on services rendered to Waterford School District students.

Food Service Update - Robert Brady, Associate Director of Business Services, provided a Food Service update to the Board of Education.

CISM - Nadine Milostan, Director of Student Support Services, presented information as it relates to the Continuous Improvement Monitoring Systems (CIMS) initiative that is the focus of improvement for special education support and services throughout the State of Michigan.

NAEYC - Joan Mulcahy, Principal of Stepanski Early Childhood Center, shared information on the recent accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

NEW BUSINESS

Head Start Policies - The Board of Education approved the following Head Start Policies: Code of Operations, Reimbursement, Governance Plan, Internal Dispute Resolution, Grievance Procedure, Community Complaints, Personnel, and Hiring/Termination for Director/Staff.

FUTURE

February 7, 2008

Student - Haviland Chess Club

Information - Career Connections

Information - Elementary Data Instruction

Information - Reaching and Teaching Struggling Learners

Action - Principal's Week Resolution

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