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# WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Board Briefs

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

**March 6, 2008**

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## STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

**Adams Play** - Children learn in many different ways. Some children learn best by drawing, some by singing, some by moving, writing or speaking. One of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade expectations is to learn about the water cycle. Several 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Adams Elementary School performed a play written by teacher, Sue Wylie, entitled, "Drip and Drop Go to Aqua School."

## RECOGNITION BY SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD PRESIDENT

**Miranda McIntyre** - On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Neu introduced Mott High School senior, Miranda McIntyre. We recently received confirmation from the National Merit Scholarship Program that Miranda has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Out of the original field of one million students, only 16,000 students have met all of the requirements to advance to this standing. All finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarships. This is a prestigious opportunity and speaks highly of Miranda's academic accomplishments.

The District is proud to recognize and congratulate Miranda McIntyre for her standing in this program and we wish her all the best as she advances.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

**Director of Bands Recognized** - Kathryn Stone, Director of Bands at Mason Middle School, has been awarded the American School Band Director's Association's prestigious "Outstanding Potential Award." This award recognizes those young band teachers who show great potential and promise in the field of instrumental music education. Presentation of this award was made on Tuesday, February 29, 2008, at the Winter Band Concert hosted by Waterford Kettering High School. Members Scott Adkins, Director of Bands at Kettering, and Robert Ambrose of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School presented the award on behalf of the ASBDA. Katie is a third-year teacher in the Waterford School District.

**Adams Elementary School Chorus** - Approximately 50 students from the Adams Elementary School Chorus will be traveling to the Michigan Reading Association Conference, in Detroit, on March 15, to sing two songs and represent the Waterford School District. Congratulations!

**Destination ImagiNation** - Destination ImagiNation is an international problem solving activity that Waterford students have participated in for several years. This year, the Waterford School District is proudly sending 11 teams to the Destination ImagiNation Region 1 tournament, to be held this Saturday, March 8, at Waterford Mott High School. The Waterford teams will be a part of nearly 150 teams from southeastern Michigan taking part in the tournament. This will be an exciting day, full of creativity and great performances. Best of luck to all of the Waterford teams that will be participating.

**Grant Award** - Congratulations to Lawrence Hearn, Occupational Therapist, at Kingsley Montgomery School, for being awarded an educational grant from Metro North Federal Credit Union. This \$200 grant will allow Mr. Hearn to purchase switch/adaptive toys for use in the classrooms. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Metro North Federal Credit Union for their contributions Waterford classrooms.

**Pierce Supports Family** - Recently, the home of a Pierce Middle School student was tragically damaged by a fire. In response, Pierce Middle School staff, students, and families joined together to support the family by collecting and providing basic necessities that they would need. In a week's time, household goods, clothing, and gift cards were provided to the family of five to assist them in rebuilding their lives.

**Bowling** - Kettering girls bowling team recently earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Division I Team Regional competition with a total score of 3,747. Individually, Kettering students, Holly Broadwater finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 1 Individual Bowling and Adam Lessel finished 5<sup>th</sup>. Mott students Kristy Kaer placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Stu Leser placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in individuals. All have qualified for State finals this weekend in Muskegon. Congratulations to all of these athletes on their accomplishments.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

**Elementary Data** - Waterford Village Teachers, Ken Janczarek and Lindsay Peckham-Lawrence, presented to the Board of Education how they use data to measure and monitor student learning. Collection of the data drives the teachers' collaboration on how to best meet all students' needs and differentiation of instruction. Two students also shared how this process influences their learning.

**Betty Campion** - The following individuals were recognized as nominees for the Betty Campion Distinguished Support Service Award. On March 14, 2008, the District will announce the winner, which will move on to Oakland Schools for the county level competition.

Jennifer Bogner, Special Education Aide, Mason Middle School  
 Cari Butler, Classroom Aid, Waterford Village Elementary School  
 Ann Hefner, Special Education Aide, Riverside Elementary School  
 Deborah McFarland, Secretary, Pierce Middle School  
 Monica Sheck-Cooper, WPSEE Classroom Aide, Stepanski Early Childhood Center  
 Theresa Sherrill, Counseling Secretary, Kettering High School  
 Renee Watt, Instructional Tech, Kingsley Montgomery School

### NEW BUSINESS

**Resignation** - The Board of Education approved the following resignation:

Traci Brown, Teacher  
 Adams Elementary School  
 Resignation Effective February 27, 2008

### FUTURE

#### March 20, 2008

Information - MEAP Results  
 Information - Kindergarten Program

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.