
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2008

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Over 40 Haviland Elementary students, under the direction of music teacher Philip DeFauw, played three short arrangements on their recorders which is part of the music curriculum. This instruction gives students a head start for success in beginning instrumental music in the 5th grade.

RECOGNITION BY SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Marie Hauswirth, Executive Director, Waterford Chamber of Commerce

As people in Waterford have quickly come to realize, Marie is a tireless worker who seems to be at every event and activity in the community.

Marie has boundless energy and enthusiasm and sees opportunity within every obstacle. Those of us who know Marie well understand that she doesn't take "no" for an answer. We all just say "yes" because that is the inevitable outcome. She is proud of Waterford, and proud of what this community stands for. In the short time that Marie has taken the Chamber reins, she has grown Chamber membership from under 100 businesses to over 400. The Waterford School District is proud to be one of those members.

In order for a community to be successful in ever challenging economic times it is critical that local government, local school districts, and local business are equal partners. As evidenced by the numerous events we have done with the Township and the Chamber, it is obvious that we have those partnerships in Waterford. The most recent is the wildly successful Chamber Business Expo that was held last week at Mott High School.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to thank you, Marie Hauswirth, for the work that you do for the good citizens of Waterford and for your commitment to the partnership with the Waterford School District. Thank you.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Hoops for Heart - On March 20th over 63 Pierce Middle School students jumped rope or played hoops raising over \$1,800 in pledges to benefit the American Heart Association. The school's top earner was 6th grader Howard Hensley with \$165 in donations. Katie Kraus (7th grade) and Kyle Gehrholz (8th grade) were the top earners for their grade level. Special thanks to the parents that volunteered to ensure a safe and fun afternoon and teachers, Mr. White and Mr. Boyle, for providing the gym, music, and activities. Howie will be entered into a drawing to win a trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. Good Luck!

Pierce Middle School Career Day - Pierce Middle School held their 12th annual Career Day on April 9th. Over 40 speakers presented information about their work to the students during the event. Each student had the opportunity to hear four different speakers and ask questions. Speakers ranged from Brad Lockwood, Pierce graduate and Kettering High School class of 1999, currently Ticket Sales Account Executive for the Detroit Tigers to Board of Education Members Scott Hudson, School Board Trustee and owner of Scott Hudson Green Developments, and Dave Smith, School Board Trustee, and State Farm Insurance agent.

Thank you to all 40 speakers and to Counselor Becky Staab who organized this great event.

Detroit Piston's Mascot Visits SXI Classroom - Special thanks goes to classroom teacher assistant Sherry Alderman at Mott High School/KMS for arranging a special visit for the SXI classroom at Mott High School. Sherry was able to arrange this special visit through her daughter Ashley who is an employee at The Pistons Locker Room.

The Detroit Piston's mascot, "Buddy the Afro-man," visited the SXI classroom on Thursday April 3rd. Buddy is also an employee of the Waterford School District. He is the building engineer at Kettering High School. He was full of energy and went above and beyond to make this visit special.

Buddy provided one-on-one attention to each student and presented each student with a T- shirt and photo opportunity. Most importantly, during his visit, the students learned to chant "Deee-troit basket ball". Everyone truly enjoyed his visit!

Adams Math-A-Thon - Judy Blavin and the third, fourth, and fifth graders at Adams Elementary School adopted St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as their class project. The classes participated in a Math-A-Thon that raises money for children who need cancer and other catastrophic disease treatment. These Adams' students raised an amazing \$4,442.85 for St. Jude's through the pledges they raised by doing math problems. Congratulations to these students.

Automotive Technology - Automotive Technology student, Adam Smith, recently participated in the Michigan Skills USA Career and Technical Student Organization State Conference, where he placed first in the New Car Preparation/General Service Maintenance category. Adam's teacher is Chris Bonfiglio. Congratulations to Adam!

In addition, this semester, 15 automotive technology students passed the appropriate tests and were issued State licenses in the areas of brakes, suspension and/or electrical. The students' pictures and certification accomplishments are proudly displayed on a wall of fame in our automotive technology lab. Waterford Mott's automotive program has been certified as a licensed testing site by the State of Michigan.

Fairy Tale Days - Sixty students from our Preparing for Careers with Children program planned and participated in an enchanting fairy tales day at Stepanski School. Dressed in costume, our High School students shared the classic fairy tale adventures through games, puppet shows, reading and storytelling. The preschool children were delighted and the high school students found this activity to be a valuable learning experience as well as just plain fun. Many of these students plan to pursue careers as preschool or elementary teachers or day care providers. Congratulations to all the students, and their teacher, Laurel Meribela, on a wonderfully successful fairy tales day!

INFORMATION ITEMS

Administrative Professional Week - The Waterford School District will observe Administrative Professional Week April 21-25, 2008, with Administrative Professionals Day observed on April 23, 2008. This observance provides an opportunity to express the District's appreciation of their dedication, exceptional work, and commitment to the students and staff of the Waterford School District.

Waterford Foundation Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser - Albert Kuhn, Waterford Foundation Golf Outing Chairperson, addressed the Board on the 2008 Foundation Golf Outing which will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008.

Head Start Report - The February and March 2008 Financial Reports for the Head Start Program was provided to the Board of Education, as required by the federal government.

MEAP Results - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability, provided the Board of Education with the 2007 Fall MEAP results.

Waterford School District Jeopardy - Rhonda Lessel presented a marketing tool that was used to promote the Waterford School District at the Waterford Chamber of Commerce 2008 Expo.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Changes(s)/Appointment(s) - The Board of Education approved the following contract changes/appointments:

Collins, Dale, Teacher
Increase from 100% to 110% Tenure Contract
Second semester only
Mason Middle School
Effective January 22, 2008

Rads, Sylvia, Teacher
Increase from 100% to 110% Tenure Contract
Second Semester only
Mason Middle School
Effective January 22, 2008

Tunnecliffe, Carol, Teacher
Increase from 100% to 110% Tenure Contract
Second Semester only
Mott High School
Effective January 22, 2008

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Kopec, Theresa, Teacher
Riverside School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2008

Ming, Phyllis, Teacher
Kettering High School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2008

Osburn, Joshua, Teacher
Mott High School
Resignation
Effective June 30, 2008

Randall, Pamela, Teacher
Sandburg School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2008

VanAmburg, Kerry, Speech Pathologist
KMS
Resignation
Effective April 7, 2008

FUTURE

May 1, 2008

Student -

Information - Smart Moves Motor Program

Information - Valued Volunteers

Information - Budget Assumptions

Information - Oakland Schools Budget Resolution

Action - Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution

Action - Vehicle Bids—Bus Leases

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.