
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

May 1, 2008

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

WKHS Student Newspaper Receives Award - At the spring journalism awards conference, *The Murmur* was awarded a Spartan as one of the top 25 newspapers in the State. This is the third Spartan award for the Kettering student newspaper in the last four years and the staff is overjoyed that their hard work has resulted in such recognition. Numerous individual student and staff awards were also received for the student newspaper and the 2007 yearbook.

Kettering High School Personal Adjustment Program Receives Award - On Friday, April 11, 2008, Waterford Kettering was notified that the Personal Adjustment Program under the direction of Angela Euashka received the Education Excellence Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. As a winning program, the program will receive a personalized "Eddie" statue and a cash award of \$1,500 from the SET SEG School Insurance Specialists. The primary goal of the Personal Adjustment program is to help individual students understand themselves and others. Practical outcomes of the program range from development of skills in career planning to positive interpersonal relations to a viable lifestyle to effective use of recreational time. Students who participate in the program are better able to demonstrate behaviors, which indicate s/he has achieved an acceptable degree of work and social maturity. These behaviors can include the following: demonstrable social responsibility, effective communication, and an acceptable level of self-awareness and self-confidence. Congratulations to the students and teacher for receiving this wonderful award!

Business Services Personnel Receive Certificates - On Tuesday, April 29, Jim Beaver and Sara Konieczka received Certification from Michigan School Business Officials. Jim has received certification as a Transportation Director and Sara has received certification as a Business Office Manager. Obtaining certification demonstrates a dedication to your profession and offers a base of useful information taught by seasoned practitioners. School districts that hire business officials believe certification matters. The MSBO Certification Program has been endorsed by the Michigan Association of School Administrators and Michigan Association of School Boards. Congratulations to both Sara and Jim!

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Waterford Village School students, volunteers, and Principal Steve Garrison demonstrated the Smart Moves Motor Program to the Board of Education.

The Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, "Cinderella" recently completed a successful run of four performances at the Waterford Mott Performing Arts Center. Over 2100 patrons viewed this successful show, which included magic, an actual carriage onstage, and autographs and photo shoots with Cinderella for girls who came dressed as a princess. A new policy by the Rodgers & Hammerstein Music Library, allowed the Waterford School District to pay an additional fee to gain the right to officially videotape the production. Such a DVD was completed and includes behind-the-scenes footage of the rehearsal process and set construction, and will be available after final edit, by either checking the Box Office Hotline 248-673-4205, or on the website. Mariel Cutler (Cinderella) and Adam Sutherland (Prince Charming) performed numbers together, accompanied by Mr. Ron DeRoo on the piano.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Valued Volunteers - Betsy Grossnickle, Deb Cramer, and Vickie Neubeck, Valued Volunteer Coordinators, presented information of the Valued Volunteer Program to the Board.

2006-07 Graduation/Dropout Review (GAD) - David Vultaggio, Director of MIS, informed the Board of Education on the Michigan Department of Education's new method to calculate graduation/dropout rates to comply with the Federally-mandated No Child Left Behind Act.

Resolution Opposing Cuts to 20j Funds - The Board was presented with a resolution opposing cuts to the 20j funds by the State.

Proposed Oakland School District Budget - In compliance with The Revised School Code Act 451 of 1974, Section 380.624, Tom Wiseman presented a resolution to the Board of Education regarding the proposed OISD budget. The Board will be asked to vote to support or disapprove this resolution on May 15, 2008.

Oakland Intermediate School District Resolution - Every two years, Oakland Schools conducts an election process for seats on the Oakland Schools Board of Education. Oakland Schools board members are elected by an electoral body comprised of 1 (one) person designated by the board of education of each constituent school district. Oakland Schools will conduct an election this year on Monday, June 2, 2008.

Each constituent school district board must designate a representative to this electoral body by adopting a resolution that 1) designates the person to vote in the ISD election on behalf of the local district board; 2) directs the designee which candidate the board supports for each position to be filed; and 3) directs the designee to vote for that individual(s) at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

The resolution will be presented to the Board of Education for approval on May 15, 2008.

Letter of Understanding - International Academy - Background information was provided to the Board of Education regarding the International Academy consortium. Each school district's collective bargaining agreement with its education association governs the majority of the terms and conditions of employment for the teacher - including salary and benefits. The "Letter of Understanding" governs labor issues, specific to the International Academy. The Board of Education of each consortium school district is required to approve the labor agreement.

On May 15, 2008, the Board of Education will be asked to approve a recommendation that the tentative agreement for a successor "Letter of Understanding" labor agreement with the teachers assigned to the International Academy be approved as presented.

PLATO Online Program - Lynn Kosinski, Supervisor of Secondary Education, presented information to the Board on the PLATO software license renewals and expansion which will cost \$76,207.18.

NEW BUSINESS

National Teacher Appreciation Week - The Board of Education approved the recommendation proclaiming the week of May 4 -10, 2008, as National Teacher Appreciation Week. The Waterford School District supports this resolution and encourages our schools and community to appropriately recognize that teachers are vital to the very fabric of our society.

Resolution Opposing Cuts to 20j Funds - The Board of Education approved the resolution opposing cuts to the 20j Funds by the State of Michigan.

Line of Credit - The Board of Education approved the recommendation that the District obtain a line of credit not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of short-term borrowing.

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

August, Marlene, Teacher
Waterford Village School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2008

Dowd, Bryan, Counselor
Kettering High School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2008

Hackstock, Shawna, Teacher
On Leave
Resignation
Effective June 30, 2008

Harrington, Ann, Counselor
Mason Middle School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2008

Scherer, Christine, Teacher
Mott High School
Resignation
Effective May 1, 2008

FUTURE

May 15, 2008

- Information - Attendance Policy Update
- Information - Summer Tax Collection
- Information - Teacher Contracts
- Information - Policy 6144; Depository of Funds/Investments
- Information - Budget Assumptions
- Action - ISD Election Resolution
- Action - Letter of Understanding—International Academy
- Action - Vehicle Bids—Bus Leases
- Action - PLATO Software 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.