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# Board Briefs

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*SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING*

*July 17, 2008*

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## STUDENT PRESENTATION

**Writers Workshop** - Eighth grade students from Pierce Middle School involved in a year-long Writer's Workshop published a book of their writing. One hundred and twenty students involved in the workshop wrote on topics of their choice, reviewed, reworked, revised, and edited their pieces and, finally, submitted the manuscript for publication. Their writing represents the topics, ideas, and feelings that are important to eighth graders. Several students shared their pieces and presented the Board of Education with a gift copy of the book, Papers, Poetry & Prose.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

To ensure that all members of the Board of Education are present for the organizational meeting the Board postponed the organizational items to a future date.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

**Grant Award** - The Waterford School District was very excited to learn that the U.S. Department of Education, Health, Human Services, and Justice has announced that the Waterford School District is the recipient of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant, awarding a total of \$5,745,460 million to be used over the next four years.

These funds will allow the District to implement an integrated, comprehensive, and community-wide plan to address the problems of school violence, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and to promote social skills and a healthy childhood development.

This is an outstanding opportunity for Waterford Schools and much appreciation goes to Nadine Milostan, Director of Student Support Services, and her team of grant writers for their hard work and dedicated efforts throughout the process.

Superintendent Neu introduced Nadine Milostan to present further information as it relates to the Safe Schools/Healthy Student Grant.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

**Burgers, Books, and Big Boy** - On Tuesday, July 15, Adams Elementary School hosted Burgers, Books, and Big Boy. This event provided an opportunity for the students to exchange books as part of the Waterford Foundation Summer Reading Grant. Burgers and gift certificates were provided by the Big Boy located on Dixie Highway at Silver Lake Road in Waterford. Principal Lynn Bigelman attended the event dressed as "Big Boy." This was an outstanding summer event to help promote reading.

**Michigan Heart Beat** - Congratulations to Mason Middle School for being recognized as the #1 school contributor in the State for the Michigan Heart Beat Jump Rope for Heart/Hoops for Heart program for 2007-2008. Mason staff, led by Coordinator John Carleton, raised \$8,840 for the American Heart Association for lifesaving research and education.

## INFORMATION ITEM

**School Meal Prices 08-09**- A recommendation for approval of the following 2008-2009 school year school breakfast and lunch prices will be presented for the Board of Education's approval at the August 7, 2008 meeting:

Breakfast

Elementary	\$1.50
Secondary	\$1.50
Adult	\$2.00

## Lunch

Elementary	\$2.50
Secondary	\$2.75
Adult	\$4.25

An increase of \$.25 per lunch at all levels is necessitated by increases in food, supply, and transportation costs. There is no increase in breakfast prices.

**Kettering High School Varsity Baseball Field Site Improvements** - Tom Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Mike Butterfield, Athletic Director, presented a site improvement plan per District specifications to begin to make improvements to the Waterford Kettering Varsity baseball field. These improvements will be made possible through the efforts of the Waterford Kettering Baseball Team Boosters. All improvements will be made possible through external funds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Attendance Policy Guidelines** - This item was removed from the agenda for future review.

**Appointment of Legal Counsel** - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to designate Stanley W. Kurzman, Law Offices of Stanley W. Kurzman, PLLC, as general legal counsel for the Waterford School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Appointment of Labor Counsel** - The Board of Education approved the appointment of Bill Albertson, Thurn Law Firm, P.C., as labor counsel for the Waterford School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Appointment of Student Issue Legal Counsel** - The Board of Education approved the appointment of Joe Urban, Clark Hill Law Firm, as legal counsel for student issues for the Waterford School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Appointment of Special Education Legal Counsel** - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to appoint Richard Kroopnick, Thurn Law Firm, P.C., and Robert Lusk, Clark Hill, as special education legal counsel for the Waterford School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Appointment of Superintendent or Designee to Represent the Board in Elections** - The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing Robert R. Neu, Superintendent, or his designee, Thomas W. Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, to represent the Board of Education in all school district elections.

**Authorization to Represent the District in Property Matters** - The Board of Education authorizes Thomas W. Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to represent the Waterford School District Board of Education in all property matters, enabling him to sign Board approved purchase, sale and lease agreements on the Board's behalf.

**Legal Reference Note** - The Board of Education approved the School District Legal Reference Note as written. This note is added or attached to the minutes of the July 17, 2008 Regular meeting of the Board of Education as a legal reference status of the District.

**Summer Tax Resoluituion** - The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the collection of the summer property tax levy from the Charter Townships of Waterford, Independence, White Lake, West Bloomfield, and the City of Lake Angelus.

**Memberships** - The Board of Education authorized the administration to renew Waterford School District memberships for the 2008-2009 school year with the following organizations:

- Michigan Association of School Boards
- Michigan Association of School Boards Legal Trust Fund
- Michigan High School Athletic Association
- National Association of School Boards - Direct Affiliate Program
- National Association of School Boards Federal Policy Coordinators Network
- American School Board Journal
- Michigan School Investment Association
- Middle Cities Educational Management
- Michigan Association of School Administrators
- American Association of School Administrators
- Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc.
- Michigan PTA

**Head Start Policies/Budget** - 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 approved the Head Start policies and budget as approved by the Head Start Policy Committee.

**School of Choice Resolution** - The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing participation in the Schools of Choice program on a space available basis. The Waterford School District will accept applications for the Kindergarten grade level until the deadline established by law.

**District Accreditation** - The Board of Education approved the recommendation for the District to pursue District Accreditation.

**Contract Changes/Appointments** - The Board of Education approved the following contract changes/appointments for the 2008-2009 school year:

Bares, Jennifer, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Houghton Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Baxter, Jennifer, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Beumont Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Chambers, Hollie, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Cooley Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Darin, Lisa, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Houghton Elementary School

Effective August 22, 2008

Disterheft, Leslie Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Frazier, Autumn, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Sandburg Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Graves, Steven, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Cooley Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Harvey, Shannon, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Donelson Hills Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Higgins, Shannon, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Grayson Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Land, Jessica, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Haviland Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Rogers, Beth, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Grayson Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Thompson, Julie, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Knudsen Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Vaughn, Sarah, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Riverside Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

Yestrepky, Renee, Teacher  
100% Probationary Contract  
Burt Elementary School  
Effective August 22, 2008

**Resignations** - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Benton, Ann, Teacher  
Donelson Hills  
Retirement

Effective June 30, 2008

Filipski, Amber, Speech Pathologist  
Student Support Services  
Resignation  
Effective June 13, 2008

Finn, Ronald, Teacher  
Elementary P.E.  
Retirement  
Effective June 30, 2008

Kauffman, Mary Patricia, Teacher  
Children's Village School  
Retirement  
Effective June 30, 2008

Morrison, Meredith, Teacher  
Adams Elementary School  
Resignation  
Effective June 27, 2008

Rine, Richard, Teacher  
Children's Village School  
Retirement  
Effective June 30, 2008

Teuber, Mary, Teacher  
Houghton Elementary School  
Retirement  
Effective June 30, 2008

## FUTURE

### August 7, 2008

Information - Policy Updates  
Action - School Meal Prices  
Action - Kettering Varsity Baseball Field Site Improvements

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.