
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

September 4, 2008

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Education Excellence Award - We are proud to recognize the Waterford Kettering High School Personal Adjustment program for receiving the 2008 Education Excellence Award. The Educational Excellence program, conducted by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and sponsored by SET SEG School Insurance Specialists, recognizes original, innovative programs that positively affect student achievement.

The Personal Adjustment program at Kettering High School helps meet the academic, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of special education students. The program consists of five personal adjustment classes that address emotional management, communication skills, and problem-solving strategies. The classes help students deal with everyday stress in a nurturing environment so they can focus on what's most important—their academic accomplishments.

Tom Longhway, Account Executive for SET SEG, presented this prestigious award to Teacher Consultant, Rawleen Cristea, Social Worker, Lisa Parr-Smith, Teacher, Angela Euashka, and Classroom Assistant, Linda Vincent.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Link Leaders - Monday, August 25, students at Mott High School participated in the Link Crew Program. Link Crew is a nationally recognized mentor program designed to "Link" incoming 9th graders with upper-class students. These Link Leaders, or mentors, welcome our students at the freshmen-only orientation day, and then help support them throughout the course of the year.

We're particularly proud of the 105 Link Leaders who've already made a positive impact for our new students and the teachers involved with their training. Special thanks to Kevin Beers, Derek Wiley, Margaret Bryce and Ryan Robinson for their dedication to this concept. Without their efforts, none of this is possible.

Crary Reading Program - At Crary Middle School 165 students participated in the Summer Reading Program, Creating Active Readers Year-round. Each student was given a summer reading list and each participant received one free book to get them started. This program was open to current students, exiting 8th graders, and incoming 6th grade students. On September 26, a celebration of the students success will take place at an assembly and recognition program. Thank you to Crary Literacy Coach, Mary Jacques, for her outstanding efforts in getting this program up and running.

Osika - We would once again like to recognize Mott High School running sensation, Shannon Osika, who took the gold medal this summer at the AAU Junior Olympics in Track and Field. Good job Shannon!

INFORMATION ITEM

Back to School Report - Members of Central Staff provided a Back to School report to the Board of Education.

Graduation Rates - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, presented information as it relates to Graduation Rates.

MME Results - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, presented Michigan Merit Exam results to the Board of Education.

Negotiations Update - Peni Aldrich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update relative to negotiations to the Board of Education.

NEW BUSINESS

Nature Center Representatives - The Board of Education reappointed Scott Hudson, Jessica Sanford, and Stan Cumberworth to serve as representatives of the Waterford School District on the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Board.

Contract Changes/Appointments - The Board of Education approved the following contract changes/appointments:

August, Ronald, Psychologist
Student Support Services
Increase from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Annual Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Bell, Christine, Counselor
Kettering High School
100% Annual Contract
Effective August 26, 2008

Brundage, Bradley, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Burke, Julie, Teacher
Kingsley Montgomery School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Carroll, Amy, Teacher
Knudsen Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Clark, Celestine, Teacher
Adams Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Crowl, Amanda, Teacher
Burt Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Dean, Adrian, Teacher
Crary Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Dearing, Abha, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 8, 2008

Effrick, Colleen, Teacher
Stepanski Early Childhood Center
50% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Farley, Colleen, Teacher
Donelson Hills Elementary
Increase from 80% to 100% Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Floyd, Marilyn, Teacher
Waterford Mott High School
Increase from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Graham, Peter, Teacher
Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Grambush, Suzanne, Teacher
Schoolcraft Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Greer, Meredith, Teacher
Waterford Alternative H.S./Manley Campus
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Isgrigg, Stephanie, Teacher
Cooley Elementary School
Increase from 50% to 100% Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Janower, Nicole, Teacher
Crary Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 26, 2008

Kollin, Sharryanne, Social Worker
Student Support Services
Increase from 80% to 100% Annual Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Konrad, Karen, Teacher
Elementary Spanish
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 26, 2008

Kruse, Anne, Interim Assistant Principal
Mott High School
Effective August 25, 2008

Kujala, Kelly, Teacher
Adams Elementary School
Increase from 50% to 100% Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

LeMarbe, Rachel, Teacher
Stepanski Early Childhood Center
Increase from 50% to 100% Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Miller, Anthony, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increase from 30% to 90% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Nahs, Christa, Teacher
Cooley Elementary School
Increase from 50% to 80% Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Nayak, Vivek, Teacher
Burt Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Newill, Sara, Teacher
Grayson Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Nolan, Anne, Speech Pathologist
Student Support Services
Increase from 90% to 100% Annual Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Nolin, Nancy, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 26, 2008

Pikunas, Justas, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Radhs, Sylvia, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increase from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Ritter, Janet
Prevention Specialist/SS/HS Grant
Student Support Services
100% Annual Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Rzepka, Valerie, Teacher
Schoolcraft Elementary School
Increase from 50% to 100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Schott, Mark, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Smith, Lee, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Stevenson, Jeffrey, Teacher
Waterford Village Elementary
70% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

Strong, Kristen, Speech Pathologist
Student Support Services
Increase 60% to 70% Annual Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Tunnecliffe, Carol, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Willman, Diane, Teacher
Houghton Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 26, 2008

Woodward, Rebecca, Nurse
Kingsley Montgomery School
20% Annual Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Darin, Lisa, Teacher
Burt Elementary School
Resignation
August 26, 2008

Kolehouse, Andrea, Teacher
Student Support Services
Resignation
August 26, 2008

FUTURE

September 18, 2008

Information - OS/WSD Kingsley Montgomery Capital 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.