
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

October 2, 2008

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Summer Reading Program - Crary Middle School students, Samantha Shadwell and Jack Brien, shared information to the Board of Education on the Summer Reading Program at Crary.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

BestSource Credit Union - Superintendent Neu introduced Kris Miller, Marketing Manager, and Erin Vincent, Business Development Manager, who joined us from the BestSource Credit Union.

In September, BestSource Credit Union, in conjunction with WYCD Radio, held a book drive as a part of their Community Day. A flyer was sent to all Waterford elementary buildings as an invitation to benefit from this book drive and the response was overwhelming. Books were collected and distributed to each Waterford elementary school. In addition, BestSource donated funds for the schools to purchase additional books over and above what was collected.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Neu thanked BestSource Credit Union for their generous contribution to the Waterford School District.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Costco - The Auburn Hills Costco donated 100 backpacks to Donelson Hills and Sandburg Elementary Schools. These backpacks were given to students at Meet & Greet. Parents and students were excited and most appreciative of this generosity, especially during these most difficult economic times. Many thanks to Costco for their wonderful donation to the children of Waterford.

Rudy Ruettiger - Rudy Ruettiger, made famous through the movie "Rudy" and Notre Dame football, visited the Waterford School District on September 22. Secondary school students heard him share his message of the importance of dreaming big and never giving up. Mr. Ruettiger's visit and presentation was coordinated by Crary Life Skills teacher, Suzanne Monfette, as a follow up to the use of the film, "Rudy", in their goal setting unit. Thanks to the Waterford Foundation, Crary Middle School PTSA, and the White Lake Wal-mart, who helped with the funding for this successful event.

Donation to KMS - The president of the Waterford Garden Club, Ms. Theresa Guellec recently presented Mr. Larry Hearn, Occupational Therapist for Kingsley Montgomery School a \$500 donation. The students within the Severely Multiply and Severely Cognitively Impaired programs on the campus of KMS used the money to plant perennial plants around the building. In addition to the money received from the Waterford Garden Club, additional items/matching gifts were donated/provided by Bordine's Nursery store of Grand Blanc. Many thanks are extended to the Waterford Garden Club and Bordine's of Grand Blanc.

INFORMATION ITEM

WOMC Marketing Campaign - Rhonda Lessel, Supervisor of School and Community Services, shared information on the WOMC Marketing Campaign, including commercials and live reads.

2008-2009 Short Term Borrowing - The sale of the Waterford School District 2009 State Aid Notes for short-term borrowing was at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. The short-term borrowing is for \$6,500,000 maturing on September 23, 2009 and has a total interest expense of \$134,878.61. The award went to Depfa First Albany Securities, LLC, with the lowest interest rate of 2.0808%.

Line of Credit - On August 21, 2008, the Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing a line of credit not to exceed \$3,500,000. As a result of the credit market crisis the line of credit resolution needs to be adjusted to include a LIBOR interest rate option. The bank is requiring this option for securing a \$3,500,000 capital facility.

2008-2009 Pupil Count - William Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services - Finance & Budget, provided an update to the Board of Education on the Pupil Count for September 2008.

Budget Update - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and William Holbrook, Associated Director of Business Services - Finance & Budget, provided to the Board a budget update for 2008-2009.

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

NEW BUSINESS

School Bus Safety Week Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming the week of October 20-24, 2008, as School Bus Safety Week in Waterford devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our school busses. This special week serves as a fitting time to urge all Waterford drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations and encourage all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school busses.

Reinstatement - In keeping with State law, a committee consisting of school board members, school administrator, teacher, and a parent of a pupil in the District reviewed the reinstatement. After reviewing all facts and information in the matter and giving careful consideration to the applicable State law, the committee submitted a recommendation that the student be reinstated to the Waterford School District, if a resident of the District, with conditions. The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee reinstating, with conditions, a student previously expelled by the District.

School Lunch Week Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming October 13 - 17 as School Lunch Week in Waterford devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our food service programs. This special week serves as a fitting time to urge all Waterford residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutritional habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

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

Ballew, Christen, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 8, 2008

Braue, Christopher, Teacher
Crary Middle School/Mott High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Hanna, Brett, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 8, 2008

Hook, Elizabeth, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 24, 2008

Jeskey, Joanne, Teacher
Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 25, 2008

McGuckin, Christy, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 8, 2008

McLachlan, Betsey, Teacher
Donelson Hills Elementary School
Reduced form 100% to 50%, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2008

Meribela, Laurel, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 22, 2008

Reeser, Frank, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 8, 2008

Wareck, Robert, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective September 29, 2008

Line of Credit - The Board of Education approved the revised Line of Credit Resolution previously approved by the Board of Education to include a LIBOR interest rate option. The bank is requiring this option for securing \$3,500,000 capital facility.

FUTURE

October 16, 2008

Student - Knudsen Elementary School

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.