
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

November 6, 2008

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Stephen Marsden - On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Neu recognized Kettering High School Assistant Principal, Dr. Stephen Marsden.

The Michigan Association of Secondary School Principal's (MASSP) Board of Directors has recently named Dr. Marsden as the 2009 MASSP Assistant Principal of the Year. This distinction is an honor that recognizes Dr. Marsden's expertise in areas of collaborative leadership, curriculum, instruction, assessment, and personalization.

This State honor also entitles Dr. Marsden to be considered for the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the year award, which includes a \$5000 grant to be used to improve learning at his school.

The District is very proud of Steve for receiving this prestigious recognition. He serves as a great example of the exemplary leadership in the Waterford School District.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Donations - The Student Support Services Department, on behalf of Kingsley Montgomery School, would like to thank Ms. Kim Christie of Clarkston for donating an Easy Share Kodak camera, docking station, and photo paper kit to Ms. Carol Tunnecliffe, teacher of the SXI classroom at Mott High School. The camera and equipment is greatly appreciated and will be put to wonderful use by the students and staff in Ms. Tunnecliffe classroom.

In addition, we would also like to thank Mr. Bill Picker of West Bloomfield for his donation of toys for students within the SXI and SCI classrooms at Kingsley Montgomery School. His donation will be used to help students learn interaction skills with staff and peers. Mr. Picker's generous donation was greatly appreciated.

Halloween Celebration -We are pleased to thank Mrs. Evelyn Johns, Kingsley Montgomery School staff member, and the Waterford ELKS for again supporting Kingsley Montgomery School students with a Halloween celebration. Students at KMS had a parade that took them throughout the school and to the gym where the Waterford ELKS set up a haunted village, complete with candy to hand out. It was a wonderful event that KMS has enjoyed for over 20 years.

Kettering Courtyard - On behalf of Kettering High School we are pleased to thank parents Rhonda Schmuker and Cari Jacob for their efforts to beautify the courtyard at Kettering. We appreciate their hard work and school pride.

AP Scholars - 31 Kettering and Mott High School students have earned the distinction of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams.

INFORMATION ITEM

Peer Mediation - Mary Finkelstien and four Waterford School District graduates and former mediators shared information on how the Peer Mediation program offered to Waterford middle school students has made an impact on their life after graduation.

Seat Time Waiver - The Waterford School District has received approval from the State of Michigan to waive most of the provisions in Section 50 of the Pupil Accounting Manual in order to expand online independent learning options for high school students and move toward a competency based learning model. Lynn Kosinski, Supervisor of Secondary Education provided further information to the Board of Education as it relates to the seat time waiver.

Election Results - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided the unofficial results of the November 4, 2008 Board of Education election. Robin McGregor and Heather Halls were elected to six-year terms and John Himmelspach and Joan Sutherland will serve four-year terms.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Contract Changes/Appointments - The Board of Education approved the following teaching contracts for the 2008-2009 school year:

Christopher Braue, Teacher
Crary Middle School/Mott High School
Increased from 110% to 120% Tenure Contract
Effective September 2, 2008

Michelle Million, Teacher
Mason Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 22, 2008

FUTURE

November 20, 2008

Information - Head Start Reports

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.