
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

December 4, 2008

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Michigan Thespian Festival - Waterford Mott has been selected to perform *The Nerd* at the Michigan Thespian Festival on Friday, December 5. Mott Thespians competed against eight other schools and were even selected for the best time slot to perform.

The Nerd will be presented at 8:30 p.m. at Fairchild Auditorium, Michigan State University. The festival is not open to the public but schools that perform are allowed to invite administrators and parents to attend the show for \$5. Cast members include Zach Craft, Tom Quinn, Adam Sutherland, Jocelyn Cutean, Steven Drake (Beaumont Elementary), Hannah Matthers and Brandon Toncray. Marilyn Drake is the sponsor of the Mott International Thespian Society, as well as director of this show. Design was by Brian Drake, and Technical Direction by Scott Finn. Congratulations to these students and staff.

Turkey Trot - The 21st Annual Crary Turkey Trot was held on Monday, November 24 and was a huge success. Crary students exceeded their goals by collecting 378 canned goods for the Waterford Goodfellows, \$584 for the Crary Family Fund, and having 222 students participate. In honor of the students reaching their goals, Crary Principal, Craig Blomquist dressed in a turkey suit to lead the run as the honorary turkey. Thanks to Crary teacher, Jennifer Mayle, for organizing this event!

Donation to KMS - Student Support Services is pleased to thank Oakland County PAC President Lisa Kowalski and her family for their generosity. During a recent visit to the Kingsley Montgomery School Ms Kowalski donated a multi-sensory kit that included puppets and a book to the KMS Media Center. This gift is greatly appreciated will benefit many students at Kingsley.

INFORMATION ITEM

Historian and Teacher Grant Project - Carol Egbo presented information and artifacts from a recent historical dig conducted in Waterford through the Historians and Teachers Grant.

Homeless Assistance Grant - The Student Support Services Department is delighted to announce that the Waterford School District has been awarded \$10,000 through the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Mini Grant for the 2008-09 school year. The grant is funded under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act, Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and was made available through the Michigan Department of Education.

This grant was awarded competitively to eight local school districts, one immediate school district one and public academy throughout the state of Michigan for projects that:

- ❖ Demonstrated innovative methods that led to increased attendance and success in school of homeless children and youth.
- ❖ Facilitated innovative methods of providing direct services to homeless students.

This grant will make a significant difference in the lives of our homeless students and we are so appreciative for this award.

BCBS Building Healthy Communities Grant - Rhonda Lessel, Supervisor of School & Community Services, shared information about the \$13,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield Building Healthy Communities grant recently awarded to the Waterford School District. This grant will benefit students at Sandburg Elementary School by increasing student knowledge of nutrition facts and increasing students regular consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Revised Budget -Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and William Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services-Finance & Budget, presented the 2008-2009 Revised Budget 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:

Carolyn Newkirk, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
Increase from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective November 24, 2008

Karen Kelly, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
Increase from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective November 24, 2008

Local Homeless Education Liaison - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to appoint Nadine Milostan, Executive Director of Student Support Services, as the Local Homeless Education Liaison for the Waterford School District as a requirement for the Homeless Assistance Act Grant.

FUTURE

December 18, 2008

Student - Mott Choir
Information - Head Start Reports
Information - Reflection of Success
Action - Revised Budget

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.