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# Board Briefs

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*SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING*

*December 18, 2008*

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## STUDENT PRESENTATION

**Mott Choir** - The Mott High School student choir performed for the Board of Education and audience.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Presidential Award** - The Waterford School District is proud to recognize Adams Elementary Teacher, Jon Aaron Phillips, who was chosen as a State-level finalist for the 2008 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The Michigan Department of Education received nominations for 51 science and 37 mathematics teachers and Mr. Phillips was selected for mathematics.

A national selection panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, educators, administrators, and past awardees reviews the applications of the State-level finalists and makes recommendations to the National Science Foundation, which in turn forwards them to the White House. The White House representative will announce the 2008 awardees in spring 2009.

Recognition for Presidential Awardees includes a special citation signed by the President; a \$10,000 honorarium from the National Science Foundation and gifts from a broad range of donors; a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend special recognition events and meet with leaders in government and education, and attend professional development programs.

This is a very impressive honor for Mr. Phillips, Adams Elementary School, and for the Waterford School District. We congratulate Aaron on his selection and wish him all the best at the National level.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

**MEMSPA Regional Honors Award** - Adams Elementary Principal, Lynn Bigelman, has received the Regional Honors Award for Region 7 by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association. This award is presented to a single member from each of MEMSPA's 14 regions who has merited such recognition as acclaimed and approved by that Region's Executive Board. The criteria for this award are a combination of teaching/administrative experience, participation in professional and civic organizations, and especially advancing the profession through service. Congratulations to Mrs. Bigelman for receiving this honor.

**MESPA I Contribution** - At their Annual Holiday Dinner, the Waterford MESPA I secretaries raised \$750 for the Stepanski Giving Tree, which has been their charity of choice for many years. The Stepanski Giving Tree, through the Head Start Program, purchases items for needy families in Waterford. Thank you to all of the secretaries who graciously contributed items to be raffled for for silent auction and to everyone who bid on items.

## INFORMATION ITEM

**Reflection of Success** - Robert R. Neu, Superintendent of Schools, provided the Board of Education with a look at the many successes of the Waterford School District during 2008.

**Kingsley Montgomery School Project** - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Randall Portwood, Executive Manager of Facilities, presented information to the Board of Education as it relates to the Kingsley Montgomery School project funded through the Oakland Schools PA 18 Special Education Fund.

**Head Start Reports** - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Reports for the months of November 2008 and the Financial Reports for October 2008.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Revised Budget** - The Board of Education approved a resolution revising the 2008-2009 Waterford School District budget.

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

Wandrie, Matthew, Principal  
Mott High School  
Effective December 19, 2008

Woodside, Lindsay, Teacher  
Kettering High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective January 20, 2009

**RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Members Larkin, Poehlman, and Seeterlin were recognized by the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, and Waterford Association of School Administrators for their outstanding service as members of the Waterford Board of Education. Their dedication and commitment have made a significant impact on the education of Waterford's youth!

**FUTURE**

*January 15, 2009*

- Oath of Office for Newly Elected Members of the Board
- Organization - Election of Officers
- Organization - Board Appointments
- Information - Elementary Spanish
- Information - Head Start Policies & 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.