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# Board Briefs

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*SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING*

*January 15, 2009*

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**OATH OF OFFICE** - The Honorable Judge Kuhn administered the oath of office to John Himmelspach, Heather Halls, Robin McGregor, and Joan Sutherland as new members of the Waterford Board of Education.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Election of Officers** - The Board of Education elected the following officers:

President: Member Himmelspach  
Vice President: Member Petrusha  
Secretary: Member Sutherland  
Treasurer: Member Smith

**Appointments** - The Board of Education approved the following appointments:

### *Oakland Schools*

Delegate: Member Halls                      Alternate: Member Petrusha

### *Michigan Association of School Boards*

Delegate: Member McGregor              Alternate: Member Himmelspach

### *Michigan Association of School Boards Legislative Network*

Delegate: Member Halls

### *Oakland County School Boards Association Legislative Forum*

Delegate: Member Halls                      Alternate: Member Smith

### *Waterford Township Recreation Board*

Delegate: Member Smith                      Alternate: Member Petrusha

### *Hess/Hathaway Advisory Board*

Delegate: Member Hudson                      Alternate: Member Petrusha

### *Waterford Youth Assistance*

Delegate: Member Hudson                      Alternate: Member McGregor

### *Head Start Policy Committee*

Representative: Member Hudson              Alternate: Member Halls

### *Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Board*

Representative: Member Sutherland

## **STUDENT ITEM**

**Robotics** - Kettering High School teacher, Steve Smitka, and several students provided a robotics demonstration for the Board of Education.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Knights of Columbus** - Once again, the St. Perpetua Knights of Columbus have held the annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit the mentally impaired. Through their hard work and fundraising efforts, along with the generosity of our local community, this organization has raised \$1,776.80, which will directly benefit Kingsley Montgomery School students.

The Waterford School District is extremely appreciative for the generous contributions that the St. Perpetua Knights of Columbus continue to make to our students. This is an outstanding organization comprised members who care deeply about their community and always find a way to make a difference in the lives of our youth. Bill Brown, Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Junglas, Tootsie Roll Drive Co-Chairman, and Frank Wall - Tootsie Roll Drive Co-Chairman presented Kingsley Montgomery School with this generous contribution.

**BestSource Credit Union** - BestSource Credit Union continues to be a valuable partner of the Waterford School District. Most recently, BestSource sponsored a holiday tree lighting event at the Waterford branch that featured a tree full of decorations made by many of our talented Waterford School District students. That same evening our students and their families were treated to a reception to celebrate their talent and creativity and students received a gift card to Target. Looking ahead, BestSource will also be a proud sponsor of the Back Yard Battle at Oakland University, to be held on January 23, highlighting our Mott and Kettering varsity basketball teams.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Neu thanked BestSource Credit Union for their continued support for the Waterford School District. We are extremely pleased to further develop our partnership and look forward to participating in future collaborative efforts.

In recognition of Board of Education Appreciation Month BestSource Credit Union presented a \$500 honorarium to the Waterford Foundation for Public Education in the Waterford Board of Education's name.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF**

**Red and Blue Basketball Game** - On Monday, January 12, the Waterford Fire Department and the Waterford Police Department competed in the Red and Blue Basketball Game, at Mott High School. This community event raised \$1,200 that will benefit Mason Middle School and the Waterford Youth Assistance. Thank you to our local fire and police departments as well as everyone who came out to show their support.

**CTE Competitions** - Waterford Schools Career and Technical Education Marketing, Finance and Business/IT students represented their Career and Technical Education Student Organizations with outstanding performances in recent competitions. Kettering and Mott DECA students competed in the Career Development District conference with over 800 students. Those students qualifying for the State competition include: Mike Hernandez, Molly Ernoznik, Carley Puzniak, Felipe Navarro, Eric Cobb, Ryan Dodge, Rachel Groat, Rachel Trotter, Chad Martin, Jon Frizzle and David Else. Our Business Professionals Organization participants, from Kettering, included Greg Kabacinski who took second place in fundamentals of XHTML and will advance to State competition. Our web design team finished in second place and also advanced to State competition. Those students include Dean Smith, Greg Kabacinski, Audrey Heitsch and Kyle Adolph. Congratulations and good luck to all these students and to their teachers, Jennifer Karpushenkoff, Nancy Haller Michelle Weston, and Tony Miller.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**Elementary Spanish** - Waterford School District Elementary Spanish teacher, Karen Konrad, provided the Board of Education with information on the introduction of Spanish to kindergarten students and shared a brief video highlighting the program.

**Head Start Policies** - The Head Start program is required by the federal government to have a policy committee. This committee meets monthly for the purpose of developing and approving policies for the Head Start program. All policies developed and approved by this committee also require Board of Education approval. The following will be recommended for approval by the Board of Education on February 5: Code of Operations, Reimbursement Policy, Recruitment Policy, Governance Plan, Internal Dispute Resolution Policy and the Grievance Procedure for Community Complaints.

**Data Mart Expansion** - Waterford School District is currently working to expand and improve the scope of capabilities for the District's Data Mart application.

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Waterford School District consult with British Technologies (BT) to begin this process. Services provided by BT would involve the complete facilitation, management, and implementation of the first expansion of the District's Data Mart application, including comprehensive training for District staff. This would allow for the Waterford School District to become self-sufficient as it relates to future expansions of the Data Mart application.

The total cost for services is not to exceed \$95,000 and will be funded by the Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant and the General Fund. A recommendation for Board approval will be presented on February 5, 2009.

**Negotiations Update** - Peni Aldrich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided with an update on negotiations. Mrs. Aldrich also presented the Board with the Tentative Agreement as it relates to the 2009-2010 calendar, teacher conference days, and Schedule B. A recommendation for approval will be presented to the Board of Education on February 5.

**Bylaw 0151 Organizational Meeting** - In December 2006, the Waterford Board of Education approved a resolution pursuant to the provisions of the Consolidated Election Laws, to establish the regular date for District elections to be in November of even years. Beginning with the November 2008 election, newly elected members of the Waterford Board of Education no longer take office on July 1 but begin their term on January 1.

A recommendation to approve revisions to Bylaw 0151: Organizational Meeting, to require that the Board of Education hold its annual Organizational Meeting from July to January will be presented to the Board of Education on February 5.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Participating Resolution** - The Board of Education approved the Michigan School Readiness Participating Resolution. This resolution, in accordance with the provisions of the State School Aid Act, certifies that the Waterford School District will provide Part-Day, All-Day/Alternative-Day, GSRP/Head Start Blend, or Home-Based preschool education for 113 eligible four-year-old children, and that the approved per capita allowance will be used for this purpose.

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

Rachel Tyler, Teacher  
Mott High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective January 20, 2009

**Resignations** - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Janet Tirrell, Principal  
Sandburg Elementary School  
Retirement  
Effective December 31, 2008

## FUTURE

### February 5, 2009

Information - SSHS Grant  
Information - Mental Health Grant  
Action - Head Start Policies/Budget  
Action - Data Mart Expansion  
Action - Principal's Week Resolution  
Action - Tentative Agreements  
Action - Bylaw 0151: Organizational Meeting

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.