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# Board Briefs

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SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

May 7, 2009

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## STUDENT ITEMS

**Jump Rope for Heart** - Mason Middle School's students, staff, and community have been involved in Jump Rope for Heart fund raisers for the past nineteen years. Over 6000 students have raised over \$214,000 for the American Heart Association. The American Heart Association uses this money to fund their research on Heart Disease and Stroke related studies, and to fund community educational materials. Each year the American Heart Association gives the participating school vouchers to buy athletic equipment. Over the past nineteen years we have earned \$7,500 in vouchers.

This event has been a school/community-wide event. Each year approximately 400 Mason students secure donations and raise an average of \$12,500. The school has received numerous awards one of the top ten fund raisers in Oakland County. The largest single amount raised by Mason students was \$26,126. This year, despite the difficult economic times Mason raised an impressive \$6,200.

This event helps the student to become involved in a great community fundraiser while, at the same time, learning about the importance of exercise and living a healthy lifestyle.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Excellence in Education** - Annually, The Oakland Press, partnered with Oakland Schools, present the Excellence in Education Awards to outstanding K-12 educational programs throughout Oakland County. Eligible programs must demonstrate that they have had a positive impact on instruction and learning and that they are adaptable by other schools. This year, we am proud to recognize Burt Elementary School as their program, *Behavior Intervention, A School Wide Systems Change*, was selected as the Excellence in Education Award winner for 2009!

The Behavior Intervention program offers a proactive approach to teaching behavior, while preserving learning for all students and providing life skill lessons students need to be successful in the classroom. As the award recipient, Burt will receive a plaque as well as a \$1,000 donation from The Oakland Press for their school.

Representing the program, from Burt Elementary, is Principal, Mary Barghahn, along with Keri Collins, Becky Martin, and Liz Herbst. These fine educators are to be applauded for the critical role they played in making this innovative program a reality. In addition, I would like to thank the entire Burt Elementary staff for supporting this program and ensuring that it continues to be successful and beneficial to Burt students!

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

**Chrysler Financial Case Competition** - Twenty-seven accounting students from Kettering and Mott participated in the Chrysler Financial Case Competition, held at their World Headquarters in Farmington. Students were grouped into five teams to complete the challenge. They were given case studies with real world application, applying accounting, business and research skills, conducting an analysis, presenting their findings and interacting with business people in a professional environment. Each group was given a coach/mentor from the Chrysler Financial organization. All participants formally presented their proposals to a group of senior managers. Teachers Nancy Haller and Michelle Weston were instrumental in organizing this event with Chrysler in order to provide this excellent hands-on opportunity for their students.

**Skills USA Competition** - Several Automotive Technology students recently competed in the Skills USA State competition, in Lansing. Adam Smith competed in the Master Technician category and placed 5<sup>th</sup>, receiving a \$4,000 scholarship to Northwestern Ohio and tools. This scholarship makes Adam's grand total in scholarship money, \$12,000. Kyle Meadows competed in New Car Prep and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, receiving tools. Nash Ogg also competed in the brakes category and placed 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Chris Bonfiglio.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

**Continuous Improvement** - Superintendent Neu, along with Cheryl Ellsworth, Carol Egbo, Marie Hauswirth, Waterford Chamber of Commerce, Kent Roberts, National Civility Center, and District parent, Rob Londick, presented the Board of Education with information regarding the process and plan of implementation for continuous improvement in the Waterford School District.

**Waterford Foundation Golf Outing** - Al Kuhn, Co-Chair of the Waterford Foundation for Public Education Golf Outing, shared information relative to the Outing, which will be held on June 22, 2009, at Fountains Golf & Banquet, in Clarkston. This is the most important fundraising event of the year for the Foundation as they raise money to benefit Waterford School District students.

**Super Summer Readers** - Lynn Bigelman, principal at Adams Elementary School, provided the Board of Education with information and results from the Super Summer Readers Program. Through a grant provided by the Waterford Foundation for Public Education, books are provided to students in first, second, and third grade classes to take home during summer months.

**Student Trip to Spain** - Kettering High School is requesting approval for a Spanish class summer student trip to Spain, July 12 - 21, 2010. Spanish teacher, Meredith Montgomery, provided detailed information regarding this trip. Requested approval will be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

**MEAP** - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability, presented the MEAP results to the Board of Education.

**Oakland County Parent Advisory Representative** - In accordance with the Oakland Schools Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services the Waterford School District shall have two qualified parents designated to represent the District on the Oakland County Parent Advisory Committee.

These representatives will serve three year terms, with terms staggered. Debbie Simmons will continue in her current term, which expires in 2010, and the Board of Education must appoint a representative to fill the expired term. Administration recommends that the Board of Education appoint Carrie Smith to serve as the Waterford School District representative to the Oakland County Parent Advisory Committee for a term of three years. A recommendation for approval will be presented at the May 21, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

**Notice of Public Hearing** - The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the proposed newspaper notice, "Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2009-2010 Budget" at the May 21, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

**Oakland Schools Budget** - Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires that the intermediate school board submit its proposed budget no later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed intermediate school district budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed intermediate school district budget, and shall submit to the intermediate school board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget. The Waterford Board of Education has received and reviewed the proposed intermediate school district budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended. A resolution in support of the Oakland ISD budget will be recommended for approval on May 21, 2009.

**Head Start Director's Report** - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Report for the month of March 2009.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Continuous Improvement** - The Board of Education approved the Continuous Improvement Plan as presented.

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

Samuel Antonazzo, Teacher  
Crary Middle Schools  
Retirement Effective June 30, 2009

Kathie O'Hara, Teacher  
Kettering High School  
Retirement Effective June 30, 2009

Charles Rivetto, Teacher  
Kettering High School  
Retirement Effective June 30, 2009

#### FUTURE

##### May 21, 2009

Student - Crary Middle School Publication Class  
Recognition - Advanced Video Production Students  
Information - Kindergarten Results  
Information - Personal Curriculum  
Information - Summer Tax Collection  
Information - Continuing Employment for Teaching Personnel  
Information - Continuing Employment for Administrative Personnel  
Action - Resolution in Support of the Oakland ISD Budget  
Action - Student Trip to Spain  
Action - Oakland Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Board Representative  
Action - Newspaper Notice on Public Hearing on Proposed 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.