
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

June 4, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

A Public Hearing was held relative to the proposed 2009-2010 Waterford School District budget and the Board of Education received comments from the audience on the matter.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year -Prior to the Board of Education meeting this evening, the Waterford Foundation for Public Education hosted a reception to honor the 2009 Teacher of the Year nominees. This was a fantastic opportunity to express our appreciation for the dedication and commitment that these fine educators have demonstrated in the classroom and for the significant impact that they have on the students of the Waterford School District. The following outstanding teachers were nominated for this distinction: Larry Crake and Lori Taylor from Crary Middle School, Gretchen Cline, Dee Cullen, and Joe Raines from Pierce Middle School, and Susan Austin from Mason Middle School.

On Tuesday, May 19, following an extensive selection process, the Waterford Foundation announced the recipient of this award. A brief video was shared highlighting Sue Austin, the 2009 Waterford Foundation Teacher of the Year.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Community Grant - Congratulations to Crary Middle School who was recently awarded a grant from the Meijer Corporation. The grant award is for \$4,800 and will be matched by the Crary PTSA for the upgrading of audio/visual equipment in the cafeteria/auditorium.

TiVitz - On May 16, 2009, eight Crary Middle School students participated as the only Oakland County students in the state-wide TiVitz mathematics tournament, sponsored by the Convergence Education Foundation Great Lakes Area. Seventh grader, Elin Eugeniev placed 3rd in his grade and sixth grader, Jack Brien, placed seventh at his level. The other six participants were Sean Schnitzer, Hannah Kallabat, Aubri Bommarito, DeCourtenay Houghton, Nick Gabry, and Adam Upleger. The competition took place at the Air Zoo/Aerospace Teacher workshop in Portage. Teachers Mandy Rebtoy, Allison Sartorius, Alexander Lollis, and Nancy Wouters were the teachers who organized and helped prepare the students for competition.

Mott CADD Class - The Convergence Education Foundation provided 12 high schools, including the CADD Engineering class at Mott High School, \$1,500 and an 1/8 scale RC car, valued at \$500. The objective was to convert the stock, gas powered vehicle into electric. The student had to come up with a design, order the parts and then start converting in order to compete in six different competitions such as acceleration, breaking and agility. The competition was May 31, at the RC raceway in Ann Arbor, MI. The team took 2nd place for "Innovative Engineering" out of the six teams that participated in the event. Congratulations to these students and Mott CADD Teacher, Sharon Spencer.

FIRST Robotics - The Kettering High Schools FIRST Robotics team has been featured on the front cover of an informational brochure about BAE Systems and FIRST Robotics. In addition, team member David Auricchio was recently awarded a \$1,000 gift card from BAE Systems for his outstanding performance on the Kettering High School FIRST Robotics team. The gift card is to be used to towards books, supplies and other educational expenses at Michigan Tech, where David will attend in the fall.

FIRST Robotics (continued) - David was nominated for his commitment and excellence in fabrication and engineering. David was also awarded the Oakland County CTE student of the year from Waterford Kettering during the Oakland Schools CTE Reorganization Ceremony. Congratulations to David, the Kettering FIRST Robotics team, and their teacher, Steve Smitka!

INFORMATION ITEM

Personal Curriculum - In October 2007, the Michigan Department of Education released guidelines to support and clarify the use of this option. The personal curriculum, as established in Section 380.1278b of the Revised School Code, allows specific modifications to be made to requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum under certain conditions in order to individualize the rigor and relevance of the educational experience. While the law specifies the areas in which modifications may be made for specific groups of students, the personal curriculum is intended to help make the Michigan Merit Curriculum accessible to all students, while maintaining the academic rigor required to uphold the integrity of the high school diploma. Lynn Kosinski, Supervisor of Secondary Education, and Nadine Milostan, Executive Director of Student Support Services, presented the Board of Education with information on the personal curriculum.

Policy Updates - The Board of Education received revisions to the following bylaws and policies:

0155	Address
0142.1	Electoral Process
0142.3	Term
2232	Personal Curriculum
2260.01	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
2461	Suspension/Expulsion of Disabled Student
5605	Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities
8210	School Calendar

The new, revised, and/or deleted policies have been prepared and reviewed by Neola's legal counsel for statutory compliance. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 18.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Tax Collection - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to authorize the tax collection for the 2009-2010 school year.

Millage Rates - The Board of Education approved the recommendation certifying the tax levy to the Charter Townships of Waterford, Independence, White Lake, West Bloomfield, and the City of Lake Angelus for the 2009 school district tax collection.

Budget Resolution - The Board of Education approved the Original Budget Appropriations Resolution for the 2009-2010 school year.

Continuing Employment for Teaching Personnel - The Board of Education approved the recommendation for the employment of teaching personnel for the 2009-2010 school year.

Continuing Employment for Administrative Personnel - The Board of Education approved the recommendation for the continuing employment of administrators for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years.

Letter of Agreement with Superintendent - The Board of Education approved the Letter of Agreement between the Waterford School District and the Superintendent of Schools for the continued employment of the superintendent.

FUTURE

June 18, 2009

Student - Schoolcraft History Project

Information - Athletic Achievements

Information - Graduation Report

Information - Michigan WORKS

Information - Summer Tax Collection Resolution

Information - Head Start Director's Report/Financial Reports

Action - Policy Updates

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. Board of Education meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.