
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

December 3, 2009

STUDENT ITEM

Since Kindergarten, the third graders of Adams Elementary have been working on Form, which is how the music is organized into melodic patterns, on an interactive level. They have experienced it through dance, singing charts, form cards, and numerous other ways over the years. Each year they build on their knowledge by diving deeper into the structure of music and how form helps to create it. This year, after a few whole group and small group activities on musical form, students were able to choose melodic classroom instruments to compose their own pieces with a form of their choice. Students from Adams Elementary described for the Board of Education some of their activities and played some of their composed pieces.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Scholarship - Annually, Waterford School District high school seniors have the opportunity to enter submissions for a \$1,000 scholarship from the Waterford Police Department Benevolent Fund to be used to pursue further education in the field of law enforcement. Waterford Police Chief, Daniel McCaw, shared further information about this scholarship program and introduced this year's winner, Timothy Talarek.

Josh Roltsch - It is with great pleasure that the Waterford Board of Education recognizes the outstanding achievement of Kettering High School senior, Josh Roltsch, who has been named to the United States Army All-American High School Marching Band. This is an incredible accomplishment for which we are all very proud. Only about 100 high school band students across the nation are selected for this honorable distinction and Josh will be one of only eight marching baritone players. Only students who exhibit the highest degree of exceptional musicianship, marching achievement, character, and leadership are selected for this honor.

On November 13, a special school recognition assembly was held at Kettering high school where Josh received a selection presentation by SportsLink and the United States Army. Furthermore, Josh will receive an all expense paid trip to San Antonio to march in the NBC televised All-American Bowl, which is the premier high school football game in the nation. Produced by SportsLink, it features the nation's top high school senior football players and marching musicians. In addition, Josh will receive the opportunity to work with an all-star music staff to prepare their performance material.

This achievement is a result of the hard work, dedication, and a commitment to excellence that Josh has exhibited throughout his educational career. On behalf of the Waterford School Board and the entire Waterford educational community, President Himmelspach congratulated Josh Roltsch, member of the United States Army All-American High School Marching Band, for this outstanding achievement.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Haviland Celebration - Wednesday, December 2, staff, students, parents, and community members joined together at Haviland Elementary to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The celebration, which included a ceremony, remarks from former principal, Bob Elliott, as well as the opening of a time capsule left behind from Haviland students in 1989-90. Thank you to special guest, Sally Strait of the Waterford Historical Society who dressed in pioneer clothes and portrayed school founder, Laura Smith Haviland. Present Haviland students and staff also acknowledged the past by dressing in 1950's era clothes. This was a fun filled event and the efforts of all those who made the celebration successful are greatly appreciated!

Osika - Congratulations to Mott Cross Country runner, Shannon Osika, who finished 10th in the Foot Locker Midwest Cross Country Meet. Shannon now qualifies to move on to nationals in San Diego, California, December 12. Best of luck to Shannon as she competes!

OCCRA - The Waterford Kettering High School Robotics team competed in the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Competition Championship on November 21, taking home the Beautiful Bot Award. Congratulations to senior, Mitch Bailey for being named Team MVP along with being named to the All County Robotics Team and also to seniors Matt Post, Joe Burns, and Alex Katona who received Team MVP Honorable Mention. This has been an exciting year for the Kettering team who also received the Strategic Design Award at the Walled Lake Tournament, placed third in the Birmingham tournament and was also a Foundation Award finalists. This successful season wrapped up last night with a banquet honoring all participants. The Kettering OCCRA team is lead by Kettering Drafting Teacher, Steve Smitka.

INFORMATION ITEM

Facility Utilization Study - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Board of Education with an update on the Facility Utilization Study.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Utilization Study: Parameter Modification - The Board of Education approved a recommendation to modify the Facility Utilization Study Parameter relative to the timeline for completion. This modification extends the completion date to Thursday, February 11, 2010.

Great Start Readiness Participating Resolution - The Board of Education approved the Great Start Readiness Program Participating Resolution for 2009-2010.

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

Justas Pikunas, Teacher
Mott and Kettering High Schools
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2009

Sylvia Radhs, Teacher
Mason Middle School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2009

Carol Tunnecliffe, Teacher
Mott High School
Increased from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective August 27, 2009

FUTURE

December 17, 2009

- (1) Student - Choir
- (2) Recognition - Waterford Cultural Council Holiday Card Contest Winner
- (3) Information - NCA/AdvancED Update
- (4) Information - Energy Conservation

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 6:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.