
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

September 17, 2009

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Building a Reading Foundation - The Building a Reading Foundation with the Waterford Foundation added a new grade this past year. Exiting students from first, second, and third grades all left with a red bag of books for summer reading. Over 1,600 students were involved in the program. Staff were busy the first day, collecting over 10,000 books. These books are recycled and used again next year. Teachers and principals sent post cards and met students at various venues to encourage students to read during the summer. The goal is to prevent summer reading loss. The grant has been a partnership between the Waterford Foundation and school PTAs/ PTOs.

U.S. Army All-American Marching Band - The Waterford School District is proud to congratulate Kettering senior, Josh Roltsch. Josh is one of approximately 100 high school band students from across the nation selected for the 2010 US Army All-American Marching Band. Based on the results of his audition and application, Josh was selected to be one of only 8 marching baritone players. As a member of the Band, he will receive a selection presentation by Sportslink and the US Army at a special all-school assembly at Kettering High School on November 13 in his honor. He will also receive an all-expenses paid trip to perform at the half-time show of the US Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, TX. This is an incredible accomplishment and opportunity for Josh and we wish him all the best.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist - We are also very excited for Kettering senior, Michael Lively, who was recently named a semifinalist in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. More than 1.5 million students in over 21,000 US high schools entered the Merit Program as juniors by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of the program entrants. Less than 1% of the nation's high school seniors were named semifinalists. The next step for Michael is to fulfill requirements to advance to finalist standing. Every finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 scholarships. Some 300 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about 1,100 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards for finalists who meet specified criteria. In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to provide at least 4,600 college-sponsored Awards for finalists who attend the institutions financing their awards. Winners will be announced in spring 2010. Congratulations to Michael Lively on this outstanding academic achievement!

School Supplies - The Waterford School District is pleased to thank the numerous community organizations, local businesses, and community members who worked to gather and collect school supplies for Waterford School District students in need. BestSource Credit Union, the Waterford Coalition for Youth, Community Presbyterian Church, the Inn at Cass Lake and Board of Education member Robin McGregor, all gathered pencils, crayons, backpacks and other essential items that have been distributed to students, ensuring a successful start to the new school year.

INFORMATION ITEM

Back to School Report - Robert R. Neu, Superintendent of Schools, provided a back to school report, highlighting the successful first week of school in Waterford.

Facility Utilization Study Tentative Timeline - Superintendent Neu presented the Board of Education with the tentative timeline for the Facility Utilization Study.

Negotiations Update - Peni Aldrich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update on negotiations. Tentative agreements have been ratified by the following bargaining units: MESPA I, II, and III, and the Waterford Education Association. .

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Agreements - The Board of Education approved the recommendation approving the contracts between the Waterford School District and the following: Waterford Education Association, MESPA I, MESAP II and MESPA III.

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

Champine, Mallory, Teacher
Kettering High School
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 1, 2009

Determan, Kellie, Teacher
Waterford Village Elementary School
Schoolcraft Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 28, 2009

Everitt, Beau, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 2, 2009

Grinnell, Linda, Teacher
Grayson Elementary School
Schoolcraft Elementary School
40% Probationary Contract
Effective September 9, 2009

Kemp, Kelli, Teacher
Waterford Village Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2009

Treblin, Rebecca, Teacher
Grayson Elementary
Sandburg Elementary
40% Probationary Contract
Effective September 10, 2009

FUTURE

October 1, 2009

(1) Information - Facility Utilization Study Parameters

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.