
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2009

STUDENT ITEM

Sandburg: Ford Field - Sandburg Elementary School students, Tien Bui, Marissa Roberts, Dorian Kellum and Taylor Coppersmith Kolp shared with the Board of Education their experiences and some pictures from the Kick Off to School Health Youth Summit. The event was held at Ford Field and was an opportunity for students along with key members of the Sandburg staff to gain some helpful tips on how to create a healthier school environment for their classmates.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dennis Griffin -Mr. Dennis Griffin was recently awarded the *Senior Citizen of the Year Award for Outstanding Leadership* by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B 2009, a private nonprofit agency that provides information and access to services for older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers residing in the six county region.

As secretary, and member, of the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) Board of Directors and Chair of the OLHSA Senior Advisory Council, Mr. Griffin has had a direct impact on the services, provided by OLHSA, to seniors, disabled adults and low income families residing in Oakland and Livingston County. He is also a 'hands-on' volunteer for this organization and participates as a volunteer driver and advocate on senior healthcare and social issues.

A member of the Waterford Senior Center Advisory Council for many years, and current Advisory Council Chair, Mr. Griffin works to identify unmet needs of senior center participants and seniors in the community and supports all of the senior center events and activities, most notably, the Meals - on-Wheels program.

Mr. Griffin continues to represent the interests of seniors and the community through his participation on the Waterford Planning Commission, the Hess-Hathaway Park Committee and the Historical Society of Waterford.

In addition to all of this, Mr. Griffin continues to be an important friend and supporter of the Waterford School District as well. His on-going community service is truly and sincerely appreciated and we congratulate him on this award and recognition.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

National Society of Collegiate Scholars - Congratulations to Wayne State University sophomore infielder and Mott graduate, Andrew Ciennik, who has been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. The NSCS is an honor society which recognizes high achieving freshmen and sophomores. Members must have a GPA of 3.40 or above and rank in the top 20 percent of their class. The NSCS is an organization which encourages community involvement and assists students with scholarship opportunities. Andrew, a Second Team All-GLIAC second baseman in 2009, is a chemistry/pre-med major at Wayne State. He was selected to the Athletic Director's honor roll (term GPA 3.5+) in his first collegiate semester last fall after graduating from Mott with a 4.03 GPA and Honor Society status.

Student Featured in Newspaper - Pierce Middle School 8th grader, Becca Neal, was recently featured in the St. Ignace News for a community service project that she completed this summer. Becca committed to raising funds to purchase school supplies for students in need in the Les Cheneaux Community School District, which serves more than 300 students in the surrounding areas of her grandparents' hometown of Hessel, MI. During the Antique Wooden Boat Show in August, Becca set up a lemonade stand at her grandparent's home, near the dock in Hessel, raising \$260. With this money Becca purchased a variety of items for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and delivered them to the library at Cedarville School in September. We are very proud of Becca for her generosity and congratulate her on this successful project.

Emergency Preparedness - The Waterford School District has been contacted by the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, which is contracted by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The Center provides information and support to schools, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and other personnel in the emergency management field throughout the United States. The Center has asked permission to use our emergency preparedness documents - specifically the Mott Building Incident Response Team Quick Reference and the Building Incident Command Team Roles & Responsibilities Document. The Mott BIRT Quick Reference was created by Mott Assistant Principal Dave Lessel for his BIRT Team to use as a quick reference guide during a critical incident. The Roles and Responsibilities Document was created by Rhonda Lessel to provide specific roles and responsibilities of the Incident Management Team at each building.

Both of these documents will be placed in the Federal Government's online resource repository for current strategies, templates, resources, approaches, and forms connected to emergency management for K-12 and higher education.

Congratulations to Dave and Rhonda as this is an honorable testament of your hard work and dedication to the safety of the Waterford School District.

INFORMATION ITEM

External Audit Report - The Board of Education received the Audited Financial Statements for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, presented by David Youngstrom of Yeo & Yeo. The Audited Financial Statements are a public document and will be available for review at the Kurzman Administrative Offices at the Covert Center, Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and also on the District website, www.waterford.k12.mi.us.

Facility Utilization Study Parameters - Robert R. Neu, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Michael Wilmot, Michigan Leadership Institute, presented the Board of Education with the proposed parameters that will guide the Facility Utilization Study.

Head Start Reports - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Report for August and September 2009 and the Financial Reports for July and August 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

School Bus Safety Week Resolution - The Board of Education approved the resolution recognizing October 19-23, 2009 as Michigan School Bus Safety Week. This week provides an opportunity for recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our State's school busses.

Facility Utilization Study Parameters - The Board of Education approved the Facility Utilization Study Parameters as presented by Mr. Neu and Dr. Wilmot, with modifications.

FUTURE

November 5, 2009

- (1) Recognition - Lion's Club of Waterford
- (2) Student - Grayson: Mrs. Wishy Washy

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.