
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

November 5, 2009

STUDENT ITEM

Grayson kindergarten students, under the direction of Rebecca Matthews, presented a skit/reading of Mrs. Wishy Washy.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Waterford Lions Club - The Waterford School District recognized the Waterford Lions Club for the significant contributions made to the students of our District. The Waterford Lions Club is comprised of a dedicated group of community members who volunteer their time and resources to support many worthwhile educational and enrichment opportunities within the Waterford School District and greater community.

The Lions Club once again demonstrated their commitment to Waterford students with a recent contribution of \$4,200 to the Waterford School District. These funds have been used to purchase specialized assistive technology for students in need of special support services at buildings of all educational levels, including Stepanski Early Childhood Center. This technology will further afford special education students the opportunity to gain access to general education services.

The Waterford School District greatly appreciates the Waterford Lions Club and all of its members for their generosity and the significant impact they have across the community.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Dig Pink - On Monday, October 19, the Crary 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams, in collaboration with the Mott High School volleyball team and parents from both schools, raised approximately \$1,000 for the Side-Out Foundation through various fundraising activities. The Side-Out Foundation is a national organization that works with secondary schools and universities to sponsor "Dig Pink", a volleyball event that raises money for breast cancer research. Congratulations to the student athletes and parents who made this important charitable effort a success.

Presidential Service Award - Congratulations to Kettering High School Principal, Josh Wenning for recently receiving the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Presidential Service Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to an individual whose acts or achievements extend beyond expectations, reflect the highest standards of quality, excellence, and innovation, and made a significant contribution to some aspects of MASSP's mission.

Robotics Competition - The Oakland County Competitive Robotics Competition has gotten off to a great start. Nineteen teams representing high schools from all across the county have been competing in preparation for the county championship on November 21. The Kettering team is made up of 36 students from Mr. Smitka's Engineering Drafting class. Thus far, the Kettering team has placed 4th and 3rd in tournament competition and has won the strategic design award. On November 12, the District will be hosting a tournament at Waterford Kettering High School. Entrance is free and the games begin at 6:00 pm. I encourage the community to come and give their support to our team members.

INFORMATION ITEM

Student Trip to Spain Postponed - Kettering High School has requested approval for the Spanish Class summer student to trip to Spain, originally approved for June 2010, to be postponed until June 2011. The same trip itinerary will be planned for June 2011. Requested approval would be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

School Finance - Robert R. Neu, Superintendent of Schools, and Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Board of Education with information relative to school finance.

Annual Competitive Bid Threshold Revision - The Michigan Department of Education's base amount for competitive bids for school year 2009-2010 was established at \$20,998 for procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment. Revision to the base amount and above for which competitive bids must be obtained for 2009-2010 pertaining to construction, renovation, repair, or remodeling is \$20,998. In accordance with the Waterford School District Policy 6320: Purchasing, these changes reflect the annual revision of the base amount above which competitive bids must be obtained as determined by State law.

Partial Roof Replacement - The Administration is requesting proposals for the partial roof replacement at Waterford Kettering High School and Riverside Elementary School. A recommendation to award contracts for the completion of these projects will be presented at the November 19, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution in Support of School Funding - The Board of Education approved a resolution relative to school funding that encourages the Governor and Legislature to work collaboratively to look beyond the immediate revenue shortfall and focus on the perennial and structural deficit that plagues school finance in Michigan.

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

Robin DesChamps, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective November 9, 2009

FUTURE

November 19, 2009

- (1) Student - Mason: Technology
- (2) Recognition - James Petersen
- (3) Recognition - Waterford Police Benevolent Fund Scholarship Winner
- (4) Information - Interventionists
- (5) Information - Facility Utilization Study Update
- (6) Action - Partial Roof Replacements

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.