
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 2009

STUDENT ITEM

Mason: Technology - Mason Middle School is piloting the use of a digital smart pen called LiveScribe Pulse Pen. This pen digitally captures notes as they are written. These notes can then be uploaded to the Internet. Eliana Brinson presented the use of this pen and how these notes are being used in the classroom to improve student learning.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

James Petersen - Superintendent Neu and the Board of Education introduced and recognized Mr. James Petersen, Waterford School District Physical Education Teacher. Mr. Petersen has been named *2009 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year* by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD). This is a very prestigious award that identifies him as an extraordinary educator. Nominations for this award may be submitted by parents, students, peers, and community members. Selection is based on varying teaching methods, professional growth, professional commitment, and positive role modeling.

Mr. Petersen, who currently works at Adams and Cooley Elementary Schools, is known throughout the District for his innovations and commitment to student success. He was instrumental in developing the Waterford School District Fitness Challenge and contributed to the District achievement of reaching Level 8, the highest level, on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum. In addition, James has established a senior citizen mentoring program with Waterford 3rd grade students participating in developing physical activity skills with senior citizens.

In recognition of this outstanding achievement, Mr. Petersen was presented with a State of Michigan Special Tribute signed by Rep. Haines, Sen. Cherry, Lt. Governor Cherry, and Governor Granholm.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Grant - Congratulations to Donelson Hills Elementary School for recently receiving a \$750 grant from Exxon Mobil. The funds will be used to assist in Donelson's green school efforts.

Summer Reading Contest Winners - Riverside Elementary students Jay and Aaron Brady had the opportunity to serve the 43rd House District as "Reps for a Day" with State Rep. Gail Haines in Lansing after being named winners of the Summer Reading Contest. The students met with Rep. Haines, participated in a mock committee hearing, took a ceremonial oath of office, had their pictures taken inside the Michigan House chamber, and toured the Capital. We are pleased to congratulate Jay and Aaron for their achievement and thank Rep. Haines for her commitment to education.

JEA's Future Teacher of the Year Winner - We are happy to congratulate Ms. Jesse McLean, MSU intern teacher working at Kettering High School in newspaper and yearbook with teacher, Brian Wilson. Ms. McLean has been named as one of the national "Future Teacher of the Year" winners by the Journalism Education Association. As a recipient she has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and received recognition at the Journalism Education Association's national convention in Washington, D.C. This is a very prestigious honor and Jesse is one of only three recipients from across the country and the only winner from Michigan. Again, congratulations to Jesse McLean for this outstanding achievement.

Senior Center Health Fair - The Waterford Senior Center recently hosted its annual Health & Wellness Fair. The event featured wellness screenings, opportunities to receive flu vaccine shots, along information on products and services from over 60 vendors. Over 400 community members participated in this year's fair.

Veterans Day Recognition - Veterans with terms of service spanning from World War II through Viet Nam were in attendance and honored at a luncheon at the Waterford Senior Center on Veterans Day. The program included an honor guard and flag presentation program from VFW - Heart of the Lakes Post 1008, along with music and well-wishes from elected officials. Seventy-three veterans, many of whom came forward to share their name, service branch, and years of service to an appreciative audience, were among the 150 guests at the event.

INFORMATION ITEM

Interventionists - Reading Interventionists are a part of every elementary school in Waterford. They have all received specialized training and work collaboratively with classroom teachers. Waterford School District Reading Interventionists shared information with the Board of Education on the work they do to support student learning.

NCA/AdvancED District Accreditation - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability, discussed NCA/AdvancED District Accreditation and the upcoming Quality Assurance Review, December 6-9, 2009.

Facility Utilization Study: Parameter Modification - Robert R. Neu, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board of Education with the proposed modification to the Facility Utilization Study Parameter relative to the timeline for completion.

Head Start Reports - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Report for October 2009 as well as the September 2009 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Student Trip to Spain - The Board of Education approved the Spanish class student summer trip to Spain, originally approved for June 21 - 20, 2010, to be postponed until June 2011. Approval will be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

Reinstatement - The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committees with regard to the decision on the reinstatement request of two students previously expelled by the District. The committee recommended that one student be reinstated, with conditions, and a second student not be reinstated at this time.

In keeping with Michigan law, committees consisting of school board members, school administrator, teacher and parent of a pupil in the district reviewed the reinstatements. After reviewing all facts and information in the matter, and giving careful consideration to the applicable State law, the committee submitted the recommendations as stated above.

Roof Replacements: Riverside and Kettering - The Board of Education approved the award of a contract for the partial roof replacement at Kettering High School to Wm. Molnar Roofing, in the amount of \$76,570. Additionally, the Board of Education approved a contract award to Quality Roofing in the amount of \$55,400, for the partial roof replacement at Riverside Elementary.

FUTURE

December 3, 2009

- (1) Recognition - Josh Roltsch
- (2) Recognition - Waterford Police Benevolent Fund Scholarship Winner
- (3) Student - Adams: Musical Composition
- (4) Information - Facility Utilization Study Update
- (5) Action - 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.