
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING

January 21, 2010

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Election of Officers - The Board of Education elected the following officers:

President: Member Himmelspach
Vice President: Member Sutherland
Secretary: Member Smith
Treasurer: Member Hudson

Appointments - The Board of Education approved the following appointments:

Oakland Schools

Delegate: Member Halls Alternate: Member Petrusha

Michigan Association of School Boards

Delegate: Member McGregor Alternate: Member Himmelspach

Michigan Association of School Boards Legislative Network

Delegate: Member Halls

Oakland County School Boards Association Legislative Forum

Delegate: Member Sutherland Alternate: Member Smith

Waterford Township Recreation Board

Delegate: Member Smith Alternate: Member Petrusha

Hess/Hathaway Advisory Board

Delegate: Member Hudson Alternate: Member Petrusha

Waterford Youth Assistance

Delegate: Member Hudson Alternate: Member McGregor

Head Start Policy Committee

Representative: Member McGregor Alternate: Member Halls

Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Board

Representative: Member Sutherland

STUDENT ITEM

Beaumont: Empowering Student Leaders - Ms. Heather Nuckolls, along with 4th grade students from Beaumont Elementary presented information to the Board of Education about Empowering Student Leaders.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Shop with a Hero Day - On behalf of the Board of Education, I am pleased to recognize the Shop with a Hero Day program, made possible by the Waterford Police Department, Waterford Coalition for Youth, and the Waterford Meijer store.

This recent holiday season, the Waterford Police Department once again partnered with Meijer and the Waterford Coalition for Youth to make this a special holiday for many needy families in the Waterford community. Meijer generously contributed \$4,500 to benefit this program and the Waterford Police Department raised additional funds through the Department as well. Together they provided 68 Waterford School District students with \$100 each for holiday shopping. What made this shopping event even more special were the volunteer officers that gave of their own time to accompany these students while they shopped for their loved ones. Once their shopping was complete, the children enjoyed pizza and snacks and visited Santa while their presents were being wrapped by volunteers from the Waterford Coalition for Youth. Coalition volunteers also took photos of the students with Santa and their Hero.

This is a remarkable program that has made a significant impact on so many families, brightening their holiday season. The generosity and goodwill demonstrated by those involved is to be commended. Thank you to the Waterford Police Department and its officers, Meijer, as well as the Waterford Coalition for Youth for your commitment to the Waterford community and all of your contributions that made the Shop with a Hero Day so special.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Good Citizen Award - Congratulations to Kettering student, Elizabeth Sawyer, and Mott student, Lauren Gagnon, for receiving the Good Citizen Award from the Lydia Barnes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Recipients of this award must be high school seniors who possess qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. Each award is given on a merit basis, including completion of a questionnaire, essay, scholastic record, and letter of recommendation. These students were honored at the January meeting of the Lydia Barnes Chapter of the DAR. Congratulations to Elizabeth and Lauren on this achievement.

Career and Technical Student Organization Competitions - Congratulations to the Kettering Marketing, Business and Information Technology Career and Technical Education students that competed in recent Career and Technical Student Organization competitions. Waterford School District will be well represented at upcoming State competition.

The following DECA students received medals and will compete at the State Career Development Conference, in March: Jacqlyn delRosario, Sydney Hargrave, Kyler Jantz, Felipe Navarro, Ashley Noble, James Nowak, Jessica Percival, Julie Porter, Kendall Smith, Robert Wood, Gloria Medina and Katie Dobbs. Kettering students representing OTC are Mike Hernandez and Logan Antoon. Kyle Wilson received a medal for top 4 in his written test.

The following Business Professional Association students will compete in State Competition: Al Warner, David Sobe, Eric Defore, Mark Hollingsworth, Thomas Corrin, Travis Flowers, David Cox, Kyle Adolph, and Jacob Lutz.

Congratulations to the students and their teachers, Michelle Weston, Jennie Karpushenkoff, and Tony Miller. Good luck at States!

Mitch Albom Project - Haviland teachers in conjunction with the Waterford Senior Center will be organizing a charity event hosted at the Waterford Senior Center on Saturday, February 13, to welcome volunteers from the community to participate in packaging food for recipients of Meals on Wheels. This social action project will be sponsored by Mitch Albom and his organization "A Time to Care."

INFORMATION ITEM

2009-2010 Revised Budget - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Bill Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services - Finance & Budget, presented the 2009-2010 Revised Budget to the Board of Education.

Facility Utilization Study Update - Robert Neu, Superintendent of Schools, and Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, shared an update on the Facility Utilization Study and presented a draft recommendation that has resulted from the Study. The draft plan will be presented to the community at the Community Forums, to be held on January 26 and 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, in the Performing Arts Center at Mott High School.

NEW BUSINESS

Head Start Policies - The Head Start program is required by the federal government to have a policy committee. This committee meets monthly for the purpose of developing and approving policies for the Head Start program. All policies developed and approved by this committee also require Board of Education approval. The Board of Education approved the following Head Start policies: Code of Operations, Reimbursement Policy, Recruitment Policy, Governance Plan, Internal Dispute Resolution and Grievance Dispute for Community Complaints.

Career and Technical Education Month Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming February 2010 as Career and Technical Education Month and urges all citizens to learn more about career and technical education and encourages our youth to become involved in this exciting field.

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Linda Grinnell, Teacher
Elementary Physical Education
Resignation, Effective January 24, 2010

Shannon Higgins, Teacher
Grayson Elementary School
Resignation, Effective January 29, 2010

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

Beers, Kevin, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase from 100% to 110%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Bonfiglio, Christopher, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Floyd, Marilyn, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Hamill, Matthew, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Meribela, Laurel, Teacher
Kettering High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Pikunas, Justas, Teacher
Mott & Kettering High Schools
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Radhs, Sylvia, Teacher
Mason Middle School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Tunnecliffe, Carol, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Walrath, Donald, Teacher
Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract
Effective February 1, 2010

Title I Hardware Purchase - At the January 7, Board of Education meeting, Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, and Darin Holley, Supervisor of Instructional Data, provided the Board of Education with information as it relates to the purchase of wireless technology infrastructure hardware. The purchase of this equipment was included in the District's Consolidated Title I application that has been submitted to and approved by the Michigan Department of Education. This purchase is in alignment with the District's Continuous Improvement Plan and NCA-AdvancED recommendations.

The hardware will make Title I buildings wireless. This will enable staff to individualize instruction for at-risk students through safe, secure on-line learning opportunities.

The Board of Education approved the purchase of wireless infrastructure for a total amount not to exceed \$70,090, through Computer Discount Warehouse-Government (CDW-G).

CDW-G is a leading provider of technology products and services for Federal, state and local government, as well as education. CDW-G holds hundreds of contracts and preferred vendor awards for Federal, state and local governments, ensuring competitive pricing. CDW-G pricing is consistently the lowest for many of our technology infrastructure purchases because they use an RFP process similar to and including REMC. On our wireless infrastructure, we will save an additional 34% from an already discounted list price.

Funding Source: Federal Dollars, Title I AARA Funds

Title I Software Purchase - On January 7, 2010, Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, and Darin Holley, Supervisor of Instructional Data, provided the Board of Education with information as it relates to the development of a literacy tracking system which was included in the District's Consolidated Title I application that has been submitted to and approved by the Michigan Department of Education. This purchase is in alignment with the District's Continuous Improvement plan and NCA-AdvancED recommendations.

The tracking system will provide an aligned, comprehensive method for monitoring student achievement in literacy. This system will provide a user friendly, flexible method for data entry, data analysis and the creation of reports. Staff will be able to monitor student growth in a formative method adjusting learning for students based on individual needs. This tracking system will not only report student success on district assessments, but be able to predict student success on future district and state assessments.

The Board of Education approved the purchase of the literacy tracking system for the total amount not to exceed \$99,000, through British Technologies (BT INS). This project is a continuation of the District's work with BT in a developing our datamart (ORCA- On-line Resource for Curriculum and Assessment). The District's long standing relationship with BT will ensure the integration of this tracking system into our current system.

A recommendation for approval will be presented to the Board at the January 21, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Funding Source: Federal Dollars, Title I AARA Funds

FUTURE

February 4, 2010

Student - Kettering: One Book One School
 Information - Fall Athletics and Activities Report
 Information - Video Streaming
 Information - Facility Utilization Study Recommendation
 Action - 2009-2010 Revised Budget

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. The Interim and Regular meetings, held on the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.