
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

March 18, 2010

STUDENT ITEM

Manley Student Leadership - Ms. Carol Davis, CTE teacher at the Waterford Alternative High School, and three students, Rob Martin, Allie Skattebo, and Katie Van Overmeer, presented information on the Student Leadership Program at the Waterford Alternative High School.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Betty Campion Nominees - The Betty Campion Distinguished Support Service Award was established in 1990 to recognize the many contributions support persons make to the learning community in Oakland County. The award is named in honor of former Oakland Schools Board member, Betty Campion. Mrs. Campion served on the Oakland Schools Board of Education from 1978 to 1992. Prior to serving on the Oakland Schools Board, Mrs. Campion served 10 years on the Board of Education for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District and 21 years as a PTA member.

Nominees for this prestigious award are recognized for being an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled member of a local district's support staff. Someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty to support the learning environment. The Waterford School District is pleased to have the opportunity to recognize and honor four such employees; Lori Bowes, Special Education Paraprofessional at Waterford Village Elementary; Linda Mata, Secretary at Burt Elementary School; Ray McCurdy, Administrative Technician at Kettering High School; and Barbara Szeremet, Instructional Technician at Kingsley Montgomery School.

Here to provide further introduction of the 2010 Waterford School District Betty Campion Award nominees were their nominators:

- JoAnn Lotsis and Kenneth Janczarek (Lori Bowes)
- Kelly Moraco (Linda Mata)
- Joshua Wenning (Ray McCurdy)
- Leonard Schiffman and Cathy Cleveland (Barbara Szeremet)

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Neu once again commended these exceptional individuals for their outstanding service and for the numerous contributions each make to the success of the students in the Waterford School District every day.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Swim Meets at Pool and Fitness Center - The Mott Pool & Fitness Center has been busy hosting two of the State's Largest Age Group Swim Meets. March 5-7, the Kingfish Aquatics of Waterford hosted the East Junior Olympic Swim Meet. We had over 620 swimmers participate in the three day event. Teams from the east side of the State, such as Trenton Swim Club, Grosse Pointe Gators, Detroit Yacht Club, Blue Water Swim Club and many more had swimmers qualify and swim at the event. These swimmers brought in at least 1,500 spectators to watch the events.

March 12-14, the Michigan 12 and Under State meet was held at the Mott Pool & Fitness Center. This event was hosted by the Birmingham Bloomfield Atlantis. The State meet included all qualifying swimmers from the State of Michigan. Many teams from the Grand Rapids area, Traverse City and Kalamazoo traveled across the State to use our facility. Local teams participated as well. Each day we had over 2,000 swimmers and spectators in the facility.

These events not only showcase our excellent facilities but bring in revenue, contributing to the economic impact to the community. Hotels, restaurants, and gas stations all benefited from these events taking place in Waterford. Our next large event will be the Special Olympic Swim Meet on March 21. Special acknowledgement to Michelle Koppin for her leadership and for bringing these events to our facilities.

Red Wing S.H.O.T.S. Program - Congratulations to Mott High School National Honor Society students, Jake Wardach, Dean Dziewit, John Schaeffer, Andrew Long, Ryan Neph, and John Abraham. These students will be recognized as the January winners of the Detroit Red Wings Students Helping Others Through Service (S.H.O.T.S.) program for their many contributions to their community. As program winners, students will receive a group pizza party as well as suite tickets to the Red Wings vs. Minnesota Wild game on March 26. In addition, prior to the game the students will have the chance to present their project to the judging panel to compete for the S.H.O.T.S. grand prize, which includes a laptop computer for each member of the group and a chance to be recognized on the ice during the game. Congratulations and best of luck to all of these students!

Ski State Championship - Waterford Mott senior, Taylor Hunter has captured the 2010 MHSAA Ski State Championship in the Giant Slalom. Taylor is the second Mott student in a row to capture a state ski championship as his brother Carson won the same event last year. Taylor's state championship is a culmination of a terrific high school ski career where he received numerous individual awards and helped lead his team to a MHSAA state runner-up finish.

National Geographic Bee - We are also pleased to recognize Mason Middle School sixth grade student, Jacob Turpin, who has qualified for the state level of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. The Bee will be held on Friday, April 9, at Western Michigan University and we wish Jacob the best of luck!

Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance - Congratulations to Jim Peterson and Brian Tass, Waterford School District Physical Education teachers, along with Dr. Ray Allen, Central Michigan University professor, who have co-authored an article entitled "One School District's Strategy to Improve Fitness Levels: A Fitness Challenge." This article speaks to the wonderful things happening in the Waterford School District's Physical Education Department to improve student fitness, and has been featured nationally in the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (JOPERD).

ARC Awards - The ARC of Oakland County has announced that awards will be presented to two Waterford School District employees, and to a parent from Kingsley Montgomery School. The Arc of Oakland County is a non-profit United Way Agency that recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions and improvements to the quality of life of persons with developmental disabilities.

Ms. Michelle Mendez, special education teacher at Mott High School, will receive the *2010 Leonard Cercone Teacher of the Year Award*. Ms. Mendez is receiving this award for her creative and enthusiastic teaching of students with disabilities.

Mr. Micah Brown, school social worker assigned to Adams & Sandburg Elementary, will receive the *2010 Support Professional Award*. Mr. Brown is receiving this award because of his exceptional and genuine dedication to students with disabilities.

Mrs. Andrea Foster, parent from Kingsley Montgomery will receive the *Al Carter Volunteer of the Year Award*. Ms. Foster is receiving this award because she has freely given of her time to assist individuals who have disabilities.

These prestigious awards will be presented at the 40th Annual Dove Awards Presentation and Banquet on Friday, April 16th, 2010, at the San Marino Club, in Troy.

INFORMATION ITEM

Project 64 - Suzanne Antonazzo, Supervisor of Elementary Education, provided information relative to Project 64 and shared a video highlighting this program.

MEAP - Michael Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, presented the Fall 2009 MEAP results to the Board of Education.

Head Start Reports - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Report for February 2010 and the Fiscal Reports for November 2009 and January 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Trip to London and Paris - The Board of Education approved the summer student trip to London and Paris June 27, 2011 through July 5, 2011, as presented at the March 4, 2010 Board of Education meeting. Requested approval would be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

Resignation(s) - The Board of Education accepted the following resignation(s):

Daniel Burrell, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Retirement, Effective June 30, 2010

Contract Award: Food Service Delivery Truck - The Board of Education approved the award of a contract to C&S Motors, Inc., in the amount of \$98,061.20, for the purchase of a replacement International 2010 4300M7 Refrigerated Food Service Delivery Truck. The Funding source is the 2009-2010 Food Service Fund.

FUTURE

NO MEETING SCHEDULED APRIL 1, 2010

April 15, 2010

- (1) Student - Elementary Chinese
- (2) Recognition - Betty Campion
- (3) Action - National Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution

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.