
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

February 5, 2009

STUDENT ITEMS

Donelson Hills Newspaper - Students from Donelson Hills Elementary School shared the latest issue of their student news publication featuring an article on our very own members of the Waterford School Board in honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Crary Students - In honor of Board of Education Recognition Month, students from Crary Middle School presented the Board of Education members with a personalized Crary hoodie for all they do for the children in Waterford. This gift was provided by the Crary PTSA, staff and students.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Outback Steakhouse - Superintendent Neu recognized Adam Headley, owner of the Outback Steakhouse, located in Clarkston. Mr. Headley has been an active partner in supporting the Waterford School District and specifically, Riverside Elementary School.

As a sponsor of Riverside's annual 5th grade picnic, Outback staff served a complete Outback lunch to all 5th grade students and their parents. Mr. Headley is also a great supporter of the summer reading program, encouraging students to "Get Outback and Read." All Riverside students that receive summer books through the Waterford Foundation grant also receive bookmarks and coupons from Outback Steakhouse. The students are then invited to meet at Outback in July to exchange their books and enjoy complimentary refreshments. In addition, Outback Steakhouse also sponsored the first annual walk-a-thon this past spring at Indian Springs Metropark and provided the funds to transport the entire school to the park to participate in the event.

Mr. Headley has been a generous supporter of Riverside Elementary and Waterford Schools. We are pleased to recognize this outstanding community partner and thank him for all he does for education in Waterford.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Michigan Music Conference - 101 members of the Waterford Kettering Symphony Orchestra performed at the state-wide Michigan Music Conference, in Grand Rapids, on Friday, January 23. This is the first time that a Waterford School District performing arts group has been invited to perform at this prestigious conference, and was one of only two orchestras in the State to appear.

Our students played an ambitious program of difficult music at DeVos Hall, and were rewarded with a standing ovation. Parent booster members of OPUS, led by President Kathy Lively, worked for months to coordinate this three-day trip, and worked tireless hours supporting our teachers and students in this endeavor. This is the tenth year we have offered high school orchestra, and Mr. Merlyn Beard has been the Kettering orchestra director since the onset. In 2007, two of Kettering's orchestras qualified for the American String Teachers Association National Championship, and in 2008, Mr. Beard was a finalist for Michigan School Band and Orchestra Teacher of the Year. We thank our dedicated parents and congratulate our students and Mr. Beard, along with his attending colleagues, Scott Adkins and Katherine Stone.

Two Teams/One Cause - Congratulations to Mott and Kettering Varsity Hockey teams who united during their game at Lakeland last night for their first annual fight against cancer. The net proceeds of this event will benefit the American Cancer Society. Thank you to our student athletes, jersey sponsors, and all those who attended to support this important cause. We would also like to recognize the staff and parents who worked so hard to make this charity event a reality.

National Farm and Garden Association - Student Support Services and Kingsley Montgomery School are pleased to thank the National Farm and Garden Association - Waterford Branch for their generous contribution to KMS. Ms. Theresa Guellec, Treasurer, recently presented KMS with a \$500 check to support the summer garden project. Last summer, through a donation from the National Farm and Garden Association, students were featured in The Oakland Press as they worked with Mr. Larry Hearn and KMS staff to plant a vegetable garden, flowers, and shrubs. Students learned a variety of important skills and had the opportunity to watch their work bloom. We appreciate the support of our community and the members of the National Farm and Garden Association.

Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year - Congratulations to Houghton Elementary teacher, John Kochevar, for being named the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. Mr. Kochevar was nominated by the White Lake Police Department for his outstanding work with the D.A.R.E. Program. The local teacher of the year is awarded through the Wal-Mart Foundation and each local Wal-Mart to an outstanding teacher in the area. As a recipient of this award, Mr. Kochevar received a \$1,000 education grant for Houghton Elementary.

INFORMATION ITEM

Teen Health Center - Dottie Rodriguez, Waterford Teen Health Center Nurse Practitioner, provided the annual update to the Board of Education on services rendered to Waterford School District students.

Mental Health Grant - Gen Wandrie, Prevention Specialist, provided an overview of the Michigan Department of Education Mental Health Grant.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant - Nadine Milostan, Executive Director of Student Support Services shared a video updating the Board of Education on the many things happening throughout the District as a result of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant.

Bed and Bread Campaign - Rhonda Lessel, Supervisor of School and Community Services, provided the Board of Education with an update on the fundraising activities throughout the District for the Salvation Army's Jr. Bed and Bread Campaign.

Bond Authorizing Resolution - The Board of Education received a resolution authorizing the District to issue bonds not to exceed \$7,600,000 for the purpose of refinancing the 1999 Series I Bond Issuance. A recommendation to adopt this resolution will be presented to the Board of Education at the March 5, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

Timeline: Refunding Bonds, 1999 Series I - The Board of Education received a timeline as it relates to the sale of the School District Refunding Bonds, 1999 Series I, not to exceed \$7,600,000.

Application for Final Qualifications of Bonds - The Board of Education received the Application for Final Qualification for the refinancing of the 1999 Series I Bond Issuance. Waterford School District has received Preliminary Qualifications of Bonds by the Department of Treasury and the School Bond Loan Program. A recommendation to adopt this application will be presented on March 5, 2009.

Resolution - Section 1352 of Revised School Code - The Board of Education received a resolution for review which enables the District to comply with the provisions of Section 1352 of the Revised School Code with respect to contracting for legal representation by a law firm for the School District's issuance of its School District Refunding Bonds, 1999 Series I.

Kingsley Montgomery School Renovations - Administration is presently completing the specifications for the renovations of Kingsley Montgomery School. Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the process and timeline for this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Principal’s Week Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution in support of Michigan School Principal’s Week. This resolution encourages each school and the entire Waterford community to appropriately recognize their principals during the week of February 9-13, 2009, and the vital role the principal plays in the success of all students.

Career and Technical Education Month Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution in support of Career and Technical Education Month in Michigan. This resolution urges citizens to learn more about career and technical education and encourages our youth to get involved in this exciting field.

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 Head Start Policy Committee Code of Operations, Reimbursement Policy, Recruitment Policy, Governance Plan, Internal Dispute Resolution Policy, and the Grievance Procedure for Community Complaints.

Bylaw 0151: Organizational Meeting - The Board of Education approved revisions to Bylaw 0151: Organizational Meeting to permit the Board of Education the opportunity to hold its Organizational Meeting in January. The agenda for the Organizational Meeting shall include the Election of Officers and Board Appointments.

Tentative Agreement: Schedule B - The Board of Education approved the tentative agreement for Schedule B between the Waterford School District and the Waterford Education Association.

Tentative Agreement: Calendar - A recommendation for the Tentative Agreement of the 2009-2010 calendar between the Waterford School District and the Waterford Education Association was defeated by the Board of Education.

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

Bonfiglio, Christopher, Teacher
Waterford Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Floyd, Marilyn, Teacher
Waterford Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Hanna, Brett, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Hettinger, Ashley, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective January 22, 2009

Hook, Elizabeth, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Kelly, Karen, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Meribela, Laurel, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Miller, Anthony, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 90% to 100%
Second Semester, Probationary Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Newkirk, Carolyn, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Nicholson, Nathan, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 100% to 120%
Second Semester, Probationary Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Radhs, Sylvia, Teacher
Mason Middle School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Reeser, Frank, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Smith, Rebecca, Teacher
Crary Middle School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective January 27, 2009

Stewart, Charles, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Tunnecliffe, Carol, Teacher
Waterford Mott High School
Increase from 110% to 120%
Second Semester, Tenure Contract
Effective January 20, 2009

Tyle, Christopher, Teacher
Waterford Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective January 22, 2009

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

Nayak, Vivek, Teacher
Burt Elementary School
Resignation
Effective January 26, 2009

Stadler, Karen, Teacher
PAVA
Retirement
Effective January 30, 2009

Vickers, Laura, Teacher
Waterford Mott High School
Resignation
Effective January 21, 2009

Consultant Services for Data Mart Expansion - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to consult with British Technologies to begin the process of expanding the District's Data Mart application. Services will include the complete facilitation, management, and implementation of the first expansion, including comprehensive training for District staff, allowing Waterford to become self-sufficient as it relates to future expansions. The total cost for services is not to exceed \$100,000 and will be fully funded by the Safe Schools Healthy Students grant.

FUTURE

March 5, 2009

Student - Link Crew
Information - Ruby Payne
Information - Project 64
Action - Bond Authorizing Resolution
Action - Application for Final Qualifications
Action - Resolution: Section 1352

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.