
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2009

STUDENT ITEMS

Crary Publication Class - Students in the Crary Middle School Publications class learn about the writing process as they draft, revise, and publish in genres ranging from poetry to short story to drama. Together, the class learns about print and online publishing as they prepare *The Graffiti Wall* (Crary's literary arts magazine) for print and website publication. Students also prepare pieces to submit into public contests and competitions.

Crary students presented the Board of Education with a brief summary of how the class came to be, some student samples of submitted work to contests, and the presentation of copies of *The Graffiti Wall* to the board members. Students also presented their latest work, a children's story that was created in collaboration with the art classes that has been submitted to Scholastic for possible publication."

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Advanced Video Production Students - It is with great pleasure that we recognize Advanced Video Internship students, Kia Jacob, Katie Mundinger, Charles Scott, Stefan Vitale, and Drew Kirkland, who have achieved at a very high level during this current school year. The interns began their marathon run through the athletic seasons back on September 2, taping their first sporting event, Mott boy's varsity soccer against Walled Lake. They faced the rain during the Mott vs. Kettering boy's soccer match, they traveled to Oakland University for the off-site broadcast of the Backyard Battle, and they also helped cover the Two Teams One Cause Hockey event featuring Mott and Kettering varsity hockey clubs. Overall this season, they have covered 41 sporting events, totaling over 180 man hours of set-up, tear-down, and production time, generated 58 total hours of programming, and performed a wide-range of production duties.

The Waterford School District Advanced Video Internship students have displayed an above average interest in all live event coverage areas. The crew improved their live production skills with each event and they were not only giving of their time, but also excited to learn. Their contributions to the Waterford School District and the entire Waterford community were plentiful and these outstanding, hardworking students are to be commended for their dedication and drive to do quality work while continuing their commitment to learning.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CENTRAL STAFF

Student Award - Congratulations to Mott senior, Lindsay Trevethan who has been awarded a Congressional Medal of Merit from the United States Congress. Lindsay was one of 38 seniors from across the State recognized for their exemplary citizenship and academic excellence. She was also recently chosen as the representative from Mott High School to be among WXYZ Channel-7's Brightest and Best graduating seniors, and is the recipient of a "Select 50" award from the Waterford Foundation for Public Education.

INFORMATION ITEM

Kindergarten Results - Suzanne Antonazzo, Supervisor of Elementary Education, along with principals Lynn Bigelman, Sue Walton, and Laura Smith, presented on the success of the all day every day kindergarten offered in the Waterford School District.

2009-2010 Budget - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and William Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services - Finance & Budget, presented the proposed 2009-2010 budget to the Board of Education. A recommendation for approval will be presented to the Board at the Board of Education meeting on June 4, 2009, at 8:00 PM.

Negotiations Update - Peni Aldrich, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, provided an update relative to negotiations.

Summer Tax Collection - Information relative to the summer tax collection was shared with the Board of Education by Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Millage Rates 2009-2010 - The Board of Education received information relative to the tax levy to the Charter Townships of Waterford, Independence, White Lake, West Bloomfield, and the City of Lake Angelus for the 2009 School District Tax Collection. A recommendation for approval will be presented to the Board on June 4.

Continuing Employment for Teaching Personnel - The Board of Education received a recommendation for the employment of teaching personnel for the 2009-2010 school year. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 4.

Continuing Employment for Administrative Personnel - The Board of Education received a recommendation for the re-employment of the administrative personnel. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 4.

Letter of Agreement between WSD and Superintendent - A recommendation to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Waterford School District and Robert R. Neu, Superintendent of Schools, providing for the continued employment of Mr. Neu.

NEW BUSINESS

Oakland County Parent Advisory Representative - In accordance with the Oakland Schools Plan for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services, the Waterford School District shall have two qualified parents designated to represent the District on the Oakland County Parent Advisory Committee.

These representatives will serve three year terms, with terms staggered. Debbie Simmons will continue in her current term, which expires in 2010, and one term is currently vacant. The Board of Education approved the recommendation to appoint Carrie Smith to serve as the Waterford School District representative to the Oakland County Parent Advisory Committee for a term of three years.

Oakland Schools Budget - Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires that the intermediate school board submit its proposed budget no later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed intermediate school district budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed intermediate school district budget, and shall submit to the intermediate school board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget. The Waterford Board of Education has received and reviewed the proposed intermediate school district budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended. A resolution in support of the Oakland ISD budget was approved by the Board of Education.

Student Trip to Spain - The Board of Education approved the Spanish class student trip to Spain, June 21 - 30, 2010. Approval will be rescinded if the area to be visited is issued a travel warning.

Public Hearing Notice - The Board of Education approved the proposed newspaper notice "Notice of Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009-2010 Budget."

Resignations - The Board of Education approved the following resignations:

August, Ronald, School Psychologist
Student Support Services
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2009

Eib, Mary, Teacher
Physical Education
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2009

Hinga, Lynnette, Teacher
Haviland Elementary School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2009

Jahn, Timothy, Teacher
Children's Village School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2009

Manutes, Judith, Teacher
Elementary Music
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2009

Uzelac, James, Teacher
Mott High School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2009

FUTURE

June 4, 2009 - Begins at 8:00 PM
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

- Recognition - Teacher of the Year
- Information - Personal Curriculum
- Information - AYP
- Information - Policy Updates
- Action - Millage Rates 09-10
- Action - Summer Tax Collection
- Action - Continuing Employment of Teaching Personnel
- Action - Continuing Employment of Administrative Personnel
- Action - Letter of Agreement with Superintendent
- Action - Waterford School District 2009-2010 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.

