
BOARD BRIEFS

*SUMMARY OF THE INTERIM MEETING
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION*

OCTOBER 7, 2010

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Ms. Sandy Schmidt, teacher at Donelson Hills won the "Day Made Better" teacher award from Office Max. On Wednesday, October 6, 1,000 teachers from all over the world were honored. Sandy Schmidt was one of them, nominated by Karen Gomez; Sandy received a plethora of great stuff; a comfy office chair, digital camera and supplies galore. Office Max also brought great gifts for the school that will be distributed to all of the other Donelson Hills teachers totaling over \$1,200 worth of supplies.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Professional Development/School Improvement - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability provided an update on the Professional Development Day and School Improvement Process.

Mentoring Grant - Nadine Milostan, Executive Director of Student Support Services provided a summary of the "Mentoring for the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative" grant award, totaling \$299,255 awarded to the Waterford School District.

HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) - Bob Brady, Associate Director, Purchasing, and Food & Auxiliary Services announced that the Waterford Food & Nutrition Services and the WSD Physical Education Department has teamed up with Michigan Team Nutrition to take on the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) for Sandburg Elementary. Sandburg received the HUSC Gold Award on September 29, 2010 for meeting the criteria.

Forgotten Harvest - Rhonda Lessel, School and Community Service Specialist, announced that the Waterford School District will partner with Forgotten Harvest, an organization that provides hunger relief to the Metro Detroit area through a prepared and perishable food-rescue program. Waterford School District students and staff will raise money to support the organization through a variety of activities and events.

Annual Competitive Bid Threshold Revision - Bob Brady, Associate Director, Purchasing, Food & Auxiliary Services, provided information on the Michigan Department of Education's base amount for competitive bids for the 2010-11 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

School Lunch Week Resolution

WHEREAS, school districts around the nation will celebrate National School Lunch Week from October 11-15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for over 60 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has been joined through the years by many other excellent child feeding programs; and there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Board of Education recognizes that children who are provided breakfast and lunch daily are better prepared for the classroom environment, being able to focus solely on their learning, rather than a basic biological need; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Michigan communities to understand that education and proper child nutrition go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, the Waterford Board of Education continues to recognize and takes great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the daily challenge of providing school lunches to our children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the week of October 11-15, 2010, be recognized as NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK; and be it further

RESOLVED, That National School Lunch Week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our district's school lunch food service programs; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Waterford residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

School Bus Safety Week Resolution

WHEREAS, the Waterford Board of Education recognizes that the importance of protecting the safety of Waterford's school children extends beyond the classroom walls and the school building; and

WHEREAS, the Board has great respect for the accomplishments of school bus drivers, mechanics, supervisors, and all school transportation personnel in providing the safest transportation possible for children to and from school and home; and

WHEREAS, coordinating the countless routes over so many miles and supervising the dozens of students on each vehicle, requires an outstanding effort put forth by these exemplary professionals who have devoted their careers to transporting our children safely; and

WHEREAS, the Board continues to recognize and to take great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the challenge of school transportation; not therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the week of October 18-22, 2010, be recognized as Michigan School Bus Safety Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our state's school buses; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Waterford drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations and encourage all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school busses.

Contract Changes/Appointments - The Board of Education approved the following teaching/administrative contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:

Tasi, Tiffany, Teacher
 Beaumont Elementary School
 100% Probationary Contract
 Effective October 7, 2010

Veenhuis, Jason, Teacher
Waterford Alternative Education
40% Probationary Contract
Effective September 27, 2010

Weiss, Ann, Teacher
Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 27, 2010

Romanuk, Erin - Social Worker
Student Support Services
Resignation
Effective October 1, 2010

FUTURE

October 21, 2010

October 21 Board of Education meeting scheduled at Covert Center
Information - External Audit

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.