
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

February 4, 2010

STUDENT ITEM

Kettering: One Book + One School - Students from Kettering High School presented the Board of Education with information on One Book + One School.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Essay Winner - Congratulations to 3rd grade Cooley Elementary student, Nina Ratalowski, who has been selected as a winner in the Radio Disney Essay Contest, sponsored by the Holiday Extravaganza Parade Committee and Radio Disney. Participants were asked to write about their favorite holiday memory. Essays were judged by the teacher or principals and sent to Genisys, one of the additional sponsors of the parade. As a contest winner, Nina will receive a pizza party for her class. Good work Nina on your outstanding essay!

Youth Group/Citizen of the Year - Congratulations to Mott National Honor Society, which was selected as the 2010 Youth Group of the Year by the Waterford Coalition for Youth. Honored at the 12th Annual Taste of Waterford on January 28, the group, led by advisor and teacher Michael Lindemulder, was selected for their inspiring work not only within their own school but throughout the community. From raising funds to improve their facilities to tutoring elementary students four days a week, to stuffing a school district school bus full of canned goods for the hungry, these students continue to go above and beyond. The group, consisting of 70 students, recently hosted their 4th annual ping pong tournament to benefit C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and they are looking forward to the numerous other events planned on their docket. Students involved in NHS are also involved in numerous other organizations within the school including student government, PPI, ADL, Link Crew, Drama Club, band and orchestra, sports and local church groups to name a few. We are also pleased to congratulate Barb Wargel, retired hall monitor at Mason Middle School, who was selected as the Waterford Coalition for Youth Citizen of the Year!

Haiti Relief Fundraiser - Staff and students at Crary Middle School recently raised over \$750 for Haiti relief through their Hats and Hearts for Haiti fundraiser. Students made a donation to Haiti relief for the privilege of wearing a hat in school that day. In addition, during SRT, parent volunteers and student leadership sold suckers and candy hearts with all proceeds benefiting the American Red Cross. Good work to everyone at Crary for their outstanding charity efforts.

Michigan All-State Choir - Waterford Kettering Senior Bobby Clemence has been chosen as a member of the Michigan All-State Choir. The choir will be showcased as part of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University, May 13-15, 2010. In November, Bobby auditioned and was selected as a member of the MSVMA (Michigan School Vocal Music Association) District Honors Choir. He then auditioned for the State Honors Choir which performed in Grand Rapids at the Michigan Music Conference in January. From this group of approximately 260 fine high school singers, they invited the top 120 to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival as part of the All-State Choir. This is a great honor and Bobby is the first Choral-Vocal music student to be invited to participate at the MYAF from Kettering. Congratulations, Bobby!

INFORMATION ITEM

Student Athletic and Activity Report - Rick Dorn, Supervisor of Athletics, shared some of the activities and athletic accomplishments from Mott and Kettering High Schools.

Security Camera: Purchase and Installation - Administration is requesting proposals for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Kingsley Montgomery School, Mott and Kettering High Schools, all elementary schools, and the Transportation fleet. Kingsley Montgomery cameras are part of the renovations. The security cameras at the two high schools are an expansion of the existing security camera system. The cameras at the elementary schools are part of the District's safety and security master plan. Security cameras that will be installed on selected District buses will replace existing systems that no longer meet District standards. A recommendation will be presented by Administration at the March 4, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Kettering/Mott Restroom Renovations - Administration is requesting proposals for the renovation of four restrooms to be renovated at Kettering and Mott High Schools for a total of eight restrooms. Proposals are due on February 9, 2010, at 2:00 PM. A recommendation by Administration will be provided to the Board of Education at the March 4, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Replacement Refrigerated Food Service Truck - Administration is currently soliciting bids for a replacement refrigerated food service delivery truck. The vehicle transports food and supplies from the District's central receiving and preparation facilities at Mott, Mason, and the Central Warehouse to food service programs around the District. The new vehicle will replace an existing truck originally purchased in 1996. A recommendation for approval will be presented on March 4, 2010.

Head Start Reports - 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. The Board of Education accepted as information the Head Start Director's Reports for December 2009 and January 2010 and the Fiscal Report for December 2009.

Facility Utilization Study Recommendation - Robert Neu, Superintendent of Schools, and members of administration, presented the plan recommendation resulting from the Waterford School District Facility Utilization Study. The presentation is available on the District website, www.waterford.k12.mi.us.

POSTPONE BOARD ACTION ON FACILITY UTILIZATION STUDY RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Education approved a motion to postpone Board of Education action on the Facility Utilization Study recommendation to March 4, 2010. The Board was originally scheduled to vote on this matter at a Special Meeting on February 11, 2010, at Mott High School. The vote will now occur at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on March 4, 2010, at 6:00 PM, at the Waterford Town Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: Revised Budget 2009-2010 - The Board of Education approved a resolution relative to the Waterford School District Revised Budget for 2009-2010.

Principal's Week Resolution - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming February 15-19, 2010 as Principal's Week and encourages each school and community to appropriately recognize their principal and the vital role they play in the success of all students.

FUTURE

February 11, 2010 - Special Meeting (No action will be taken.)

March 4, 2010

- (1) Student - Elementary National Junior Honor Society
- (2) Information - Teen Health Center
- (3) Action - Security Cameras: Purchase and Installation
- (4) Action - Refrigerated Food Service Truck Replacement
- (5) Action - High School Restroom Renovations
- (6) Action - Facility Utilization Study Recommendation

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.