Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING *March 4, 2010*

STUDENT ITEM

Elementary Junior Honor Society – The Riverside and Cooley National Elementary Honor Societies (NEHS) presented to the Board of Education the purpose and pillars of the NEHS. In addition, students will share some thoughts on what NEHS mans to them and explain the kinds of activities they are involved in.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Waterford Mott Wins Trophy at Autorama - The 58th annual Autorama was held February 25 – 27, at Cobo Hall. This Hot Rod show displays some of the most exotic muscle cars in the world. The Waterford Mott MOTT'ster Garage Car Club competed with other high school shop cars for awards. The schools 1981 Mott e Carlo project car won the silver medal in the high school competition. The car club, guided by Mr. Bonfiglio, consists of auto students driven to excel in automotive repair. The club began the project car over two years ago preparing it for the show. The car was completely rebuilt including the engine transmission and differential. The restoration of the body included door replacements and a lot of finish work. The students painted the car with the school colors. The MOTT'ster Garage Car Club has evolved into a group of committed students who contribute each with their own special skills which they have learned during the day in the Automotive Technicians Training Program.

H.O.S.A. Competition – Mrs. Floyd's H.O.S.A. (Health Occupation Students of America) Club from Waterford Mott High School participated in the Regional 4 H.O.S.A. Competition Event at Macomb Community College on Saturday, January 30. There were 430 student participants in the region and nine from Waterford. Six of the students placed in their events and are as follows:

Alyssa Breault and her partner Margaret Goldsworthy received a Gold Medal (1st place) in Career Health Display. Marina Davilla placed in the Top 10 in Human Growth and Development. David Hernandez received a Silver Medal (2nd place) in Medical Terminology. Alcia Login received a Bronze Medal (3rd place) in Human Growth and Development. Parth Patel received a Gold Medal (1st place) in Medical Math. Courtnee Flury (Sports Medicine), Briana Hicks (Career Health Display) and Chelsey McCann (Career Health Display) also participated in the event.

The six students will go on to the State Finals in Traverse City in April. Congratulations and best of luck!

Beaumont Partners with Gleaners Community Food Bank Backpack Program – Beaumont Elementary has teamed up with the Gleaners Community Food Bank Backpack Program. This partnership will provide free bags of healthy food each week for children. Beaumont was selected for this program based on established need as demonstrated through the percentage of students eligible to receive free and reduced hot lunches. All 143 students who receive a free lunch at Beaumont will be included in the program. This is an important partnership that will put food directly in the hands of our hungry children!

Destination ImagiNation – The Destination ImagiNation tournament was held at Mott High School on Saturday, February 27. What an exceptional day for Waterford, and for the entire Region 1 tournament area! The Waterford School District was well represented, with the largest number of teams participating in the region. We also had a tremendous outpouring of support from Waterford staff, board members and community members. There were over 150 volunteers working throughout the day, and a good portion of them were our Waterford volunteers, including middle school and high school students.

But on to our success story! Waterford had 24 teams participate in DI this year, and we will be sending SIX teams on to the Affiliate (state) finals in April - Congratulations go out to the following school teams and their volunteer team managers:

Houghton Elem - 1st place in Breaking DI News, EL division
Lisa Hall, Team Manager
First year team, in the structure challenge!

Riverside Elem - 2nd place in Breaking DI News, EL division
Laurie DaCorte and Mara Cruz, Team Managers

Pierce Middle School - 2nd place in Breaking DI News, MS division
Kelli McCormick and Samantha Hubarth, Team Managers

Pierce Middle School - 2nd place in DI-Bot, MS division
Kerry Allison, Team Manager

Cooley Elem - 3rd place in DIrect DIposit, EL division
Samantha Hubarth, Team Manager

Crary Middle School, 3rd place in You're Gonna Flip!, MS division
Jennifer Knutson and Jennifer McLean, Team Managers

Student Dylan Marcero, from the Pierce MS DI-Bot Challenge, received a special "Spirit of DI" award for his creative costume and the way he used it throughout the day to build DI community spirit.

At the tournament, the top 6 teams in each division are recognized, with the top 3 going to the Affiliate Finals. We had 4 additional teams finish in the top 6! They are:

Riverside Elem, 4th place in Breaking DI News
Lisa Arroyo, Team Manager

Riverside/Knudsen Elem, 6th place in Breaking DI News
Sandy Feltzer, Team Manager

Cooley Elem, 6th place in DIrect DIposit
Jean and John Jocque, Team Managers

Schoolcraft Elem, 6th place in DO or DI
Kelli McCormick and Erin Farquhar, Team Manager

All 24 of our teams are to be commended for the long hours put into researching and developing their solutions. As you may know, DI is a process oriented program, and all students gained valuable problem-solving skills throughout the season. What a terrific representation of our district!!

Lifetracks Give Back to Haiti – The Lifetracks Post-Secondary Program on the Lutes Campus packaged and sent daily essential bags for survivors of the recent earthquake in Haiti. Bags consisted of a toothbrush, hair comb, bar of soap, washcloth, face cloth, and nail clippers. This was a great lesson in providing basic essentials for our fellow man in time of need, kindness, giving back, and volunteering our time and financial resources. All items were purchased through profits from the Lifetrack Café. A very special thank-you is extended to the staff and students of the Lifetracks program for their heartfelt generosity.

INFORMATION ITEM

Student Trip to London and Paris - The Language Arts Department is requesting approval for a summer student trip to London and Paris, June 27, 2010 through July 5, 2011.

Waterford Teen Health Center – Dottie Rodriquez, Waterford Teen Health Center nurse practitioner, provided an update to the Board of Education on services rendered to Waterford School District students and introduced Derek Lanier, MD, CEO of Oakland Primary Health Services, Inc.

Video Streaming – The Waterford School District has partnered with Waterford Township and Media Network of Waterford to offer video streaming of all District programming featured on the educational channel 22. This new link is featured on our District website, allowing the viewers to watch programming, including the Waterford Board of Education meetings, and access to all the District's latest news and information featured on Channel 22.

Salvation Army Jr. Bed and Bread Campaign – Rhonda Lessel, supervisor of School and Community Services, provided an update on the fundraising activities that occurred throughout the District to benefit the Salvation Army Jr. Bed and Bread Campaign.

KMS Project Renovations/Purchases – The Administration is presently soliciting bid proposals for a variety of classroom furniture and equipment for Kingsley Montgomery School as it relates to the Kingsley Montgomery School Project Renovations funded through the Oakland Schools PA 18 Special Education Fund. Recommendations will be presented for approval at future Board of Education meetings.

Facility Utilization Study Recommendation – Robert Neu, Superintendent of Schools, presented the plan recommendation resulting from the Waterford School District Facility Utilization Study.

NEW BUSINESS

Facility Utilization Study Plan Recommendation – The Waterford School District, as directed by the Board of Education, has conducted a "Facility Utilization Study" of the Waterford School District. In part, this study entailed the analysis of current and projected student enrollment, residence trends, demographics, and school building utilization. Due to the State's continued downturn, we anticipate a deficit of approximately $7.5 million for the 2010-2011 school year. This creates a new economic reality for the Waterford School District, as we will be asked to continue providing the level of services our families expect with much less financial support from Lansing.

It was stated early on that this study may result in the recommendation to close at least one school, adjust school attendance boundaries, and reconfigure grade level assignments to schools. It was also stressed that the recommendations that will result from this study were not intended to resolve all of the projected deficit the District is facing in 2010-2011. However, this study was intended to result in recommendations that will offset some of the deficit in the short-term, help the District look ahead to future adjustments in the longer-term, and emerge as a financially stronger instructional delivery system.

Based on the findings of the Facility Utilization Study, the Board of Education approved the Facility Utilization Study Plan Recommendation, which includes the following six elements:

- Repurpose Crary Middle School
- Repurpose Grayson Elementary School
- Close the Manley Building and Relocate the Alternative High School
- Repurpose Lutes
- Repurpose Covert
- Realign School Boundaries

Resolution: Mandate Commission Recommendations – The Board of Education approved a resolution in support of the final report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates, December 2009.

Resolution: School Breakfast Week – The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming March 8-12, 2010 as School Breakfast Week and urges all Waterford citizens to become aware of the solid foundation for learning provided by a nutritional School Breakfast.

Reinstatement of a Student – The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee with regard to the decision on the reinstatement request of a student previously expelled by the District. In keeping with Michigan law, a committee consisting of school board members, school administrator, teacher, and parent of a pupil in the District reviewed the reinstatement. After reviewing all facts and information I the matter and giving careful consideration to the applicable State law, the committee submitted the recommendation as stated above.

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

Garrett, Shannon, Teacher
Alternative High School, Manley Campus
Resignation
Effective February 12, 2010

Felsenfeld, Mark, Teacher
Long Term Leave
Resignation
Effective March 31, 2010

Contract Awards: Security Cameras, Purchase and Installation – The Board of Education approved the following award of contracts for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Kingsley Montgomery School, Mott and Kettering High Schools, all elementary schools, and the Transportation fleet. The total project cost is $216,068 and is funded through Oakland Schools PA 18 Funds, Federal COPS Grant, and Federal SSHS Grant.

The contract for building surveillance system in all elementary schools, high school auditoriums, gyms, and Pool and Fitness Centers was awarded to Interstate Security, Inc., in the amount of $96,000.

The contract for mobile surveillance system, including two cameras/DVR in 45 buses, was awarded to Unity School Bus Parts, in the amount of $100,568.

The contract for Kingsley Montgomery School was awarded to Interstate Security, Inc., in the amount of $19,500.

Contract Awards: High School Toilet Renovations – The Board of Education approved the award of contracts for the renovations of restrooms at Kettering and Mott High Schools. The total project cost is $162,212, and will be funded through the 2007 Energy Bond and Pre-74 Building and Site.

Demolition	A. Rea Construction, Inc.	$4,761
Carpentry	A. Rea Construction, Inc.	$10,250
Ceramic Tile	Imperial Floor Covering, Inc.	$19,878
Epoxy Flooring	Venture Specialty Products & Services	$22,205
Painting	L.E. Brockman Company	$2,422
Toilet Partitions and Accessories	Building Accessories Corporation	$38,000
Plumbing	Contrast Mechanical, Inc.	$32,400
Mechanical	Bob Turner, Inc.	$8,433
Electrical and Fire Alarm	S.T.D. Contractors Service	$23,863

FUTURE

March 18, 2010

(1) Student – Manley Student Leadership
(2) Information – Betty Campion
(3) Information – Project 64
(4) Action – Student Trip to London and Paris

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.