
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

April 15, 2010

STUDENT ITEM

Elementary Chinese - Students from Adams, Cooley, and Haviland Elementary Schools provided the Board of Education with a summary of the Mandarin Chinese Program offered by the Waterford School District. In addition, these students performed the song "We Are Friends" in Chinese.

Haviland: Mitch Albom Project - Haviland Elementary teachers and students presented their recent work with Mitch Albom and "A Time to Help" and the Waterford Senior Center.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD PRESIDENT

Superintendent Neu introduced and honored Ms. Linda Mata, Secretary at Burt Elementary School and 2010 Waterford School District Betty Campion Award Nominee.

The Betty Campion Distinguished Support Service Award recognizes the many contributions support persons make to the learning community in Oakland County. Nominees for this prestigious award are recognized for being an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled member of a local district's support staff. These individuals go above and beyond the call of duty to support the school environment.

In early February, administrators, supervisors, and teachers were asked to submit their nomination for any non-certified support staff member that makes such contributions in the Waterford School District. An internal selection committee reviewed all nominations and chose Linda Mata to represent Waterford as our nominee in the Oakland County award process.

Linda exemplifies excellence in all she does and has truly embraced the Burt community with passion and pride. She continually goes above her assigned tasks to involve herself with the projects and activities of the staff, students, and families she serves. Linda has made a significant impact on the achievement of countless students and staff members and is an integral part of the successful learning environment at Burt Elementary.

On behalf of the Waterford Board of Education, congratulations to Ms. Mata on this honorable distinction. We wish her all the best as she proceeds through the County level.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

ASBE Awards - The American Society of Body Engineers (ASBE) awards banquet held on Thursday, March 26, was a huge success. Congratulations to Mike Pariseau, Mott High School senior, who placed 6th in his design category and was also named Best in School, receiving a cash award of \$40 and a \$500 scholarship to Oakland Community College.

Student Art Honored - For the third year in a row, a Kettering High School Art student has been juried into the Governor's traveling exhibit. Ryanne Shiner, 11th grade student at Kettering, will have her colored pencil drawing among thirty pieces traveling the State for one year. Ryanne's artwork was also honored as one of the Top 18 Best in Show! Congratulations to Ryanne on this outstanding honor.

We are also pleased to Congratulate Kettering 10th grader, Amanda Hargraves, and Kettering senior, Alex Burnes. Both students have a piece featured in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival exhibit in Kalamzoo May 13-15. They will be displayed with only 100 pieces from throughout the entire State! All three students have been invited to participate in the Festival at Western Michigan University! Great job to these talented students!

Support our Troops Day - We are proud to commend Waterford Kettering High School students who were instrumental in urging Congress to recognize the efforts of the armed forces with the 400-0 passage of House Resolution 1119, introduced by Congressman Gary Peters, which named March 26, 2010 Support Our Troops Day! This tradition began in 2006 with a group of Kettering students who worked with Joe Knollenberg to pass the resolution. Current Kettering students and Congressman Peters are pleased to be able to work together to carry on this important tribute to the men and women who serve in the American armed forces.

Michigan Green Schools - The Michigan Green School Program encourages public and private schools to participate in environmentally friendly and energy saving activities. We are excited to congratulate Haveland, Riverside, Beaumont, and Donelson Hills Elementary Schools for having received the designation as an "Emerald" Michigan Green School. These schools attained this outstanding level by having achieved 15 of the qualifying activities. Great job to the students, staff, and families of each of these schools for their efforts to get involved and go "green!" Awards will be presented at a special event on April 28.

KMS Named Michigan Green School, Evergreen Level - Congratulations to Kingsley Montgomery School and Erika Laskowski, School Social Worker. KMS has been recognized for meeting the criteria to be named a Michigan Green School at the Evergreen Level, the highest distinction for Michigan Green Schools. They did so by achieving 20 of the qualifying activities. Examples of the efforts that helped Kingsley Montgomery School meet the Evergreen Level include a recycling center for paper, plastic, CD/DVD, old cell phone, ink cartridges, metal cans and batteries. Students also learned of alternate forms of energy, developed projects to encourage energy efficiency and created displays. A birdhouse habitat has been created, an endangered species has been adopted, and locally the students have learned about the Great Lakes Watershed. Ms. Erika Laskowski, along with Principal, Sean Waymaster and a student from Kingsley Montgomery School will attend the Michigan Green School recognition ceremony at Oakland Schools on April 28. Congratulations again to Kingsley Montgomery School students, staff and community on meeting Michigan Green School criteria at the Evergreen Level.

INFORMATION ITEM

Facility Utilization Plan Update - Administration provided the Board of Education an update on the implementation of the Facility Utilization Plan.

Budget/Negotiations - Thomas W. Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Human Services, provided the Board of Education an update as it relates to the 2010-2011 Waterford School District Budget, as well as negotiations.

Head Start Reports - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Report for March 2010 and the Fiscal Reports for February 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Teacher Appreciation Week - The Board of Education approved a resolution supporting National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2010, and encourages our schools and community to appropriately recognize the vital and changing role of teachers in imagining and creating a better future for society.

Library Week - The Board of Education approved a resolution supporting National Library Week, April 11-17, 2010, and encourages all residents to visit a library this week and to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library’s doors.

Designation of District Legal Counsel - The Board of Education appointed the law firm of Lusk & Albertson, P.L.C., as an approved legal counsel for the Waterford School District to be utilized as determined by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

Civil Rights Compliance Plan - The Board of Education adopted the Civil Rights Compliance Plan as presented by Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, at the Board of Education Study Session on Monday, April 12.

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

Burleson, Patricia, Teacher
Cooley Elementary School
Sandburg Elementary School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2010

Clark, Celestine, Teacher
Adams Elementary School
Resignation
Effective June 30, 2010

Kumor, Jacob S., Teacher
Kingsley Montgomery School
Resignation
Effective April 17, 2010

Land, Jessica, Teacher
Haviland Elementary School
Resignation
Effective June 30, 2010

Warner, Mary, Teacher
Long Term Leave
Resignation
Effective June 30, 2010

FUTURE

May 6, 2010

- (1) Student - Geography Bee
- (2) Information - Oakland ISD Budget Resolution
- (3) Information - Summer Tax Collection
- (4) Information - Millage Rates 2009-2010
- (5) Information - Notice of Public Hearing

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.