
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERIM MEETING

May 6, 2010

STUDENT ITEM

Geographic Bee - Students and staff from Mason and Crary Middle Schools presented information and results from the State Geographic Bee.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY THE SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD PRESIDENT

BAE Systems

Superintendent Neu introduced, from British Aerospace Electronic Systems, Joe Hoffman, Facilities and Site Manager, and Cindy Carey, Communications Manager. British Aerospace Electronics Systems (BAE Systems) is a global defense, security and aerospace company with approximately 107,000 employees worldwide. The Company delivers a full range of products and services for air, land and naval forces, as well as advanced electronics, security, information technology solutions and customer support services.

The Waterford School District is pleased to recognize BAE Systems as a founding business partner for the FIRST robotics team at Kettering High School. FIRST Robotics provides great opportunities for our students and combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. The generous contributions to the Kettering team from BAE Systems has been overwhelming. During the 2008-2009 school year, BAE contributed \$7,000 to the Kettering team and this year they have once again shown an outstanding commitment and belief in our students, providing \$13,000 towards entry fees into tournaments and state/national competition if the team qualifies. These substantial contributions have been vital to this program and have made a significant impact in the success and education of Waterford Kettering students.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Waterford School District, and the Kettering High School FIRST Robotics Team, BAE Systems was honored for their generosity, partnership, and commitment to education.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Reading Month Challenge - Congratulations to Burt Elementary School who will receive a pizza party for the entire school for having the most minutes read during the March is Reading Month Challenge. The party will be provided with a grant from the Waterford Education Association. Great job to all of our student readers and thank you to the WEA for their support!

Earth Day Celebration - Donelson Hills Elementary recently connected to Earth Day in many different ways during an Earth Day Celebration and Tree Dedication. Students feel passionate about saving energy, conserving resources and saving planet earth and this was evident during the Learning Fair on April 22. A mature tree was lost last year due to vandalism and the first graders led an initiative to raise monies and buy a new tree.... The slogan was "Give green to get green" ... their work was amazing and Mr. Bo Hoffman came with a crew and planted the tree for the dedication. Great job to the students and staff at Donelson Hills Elementary for the outstanding celebration of Earth Day!

Waterford Village Raises Funds for KMS - Congratulations to the students at Waterford Village Elementary School for their generous donation of \$745 to the Kingsley Montgomery School playground. Students at Waterford Village Elementary School took on a community service project leading up to their school-wide Disability Week program, organized by Christin Pardon and JoAnn Lotsis. Students decided to help out the students at Kingsley Montgomery School with donations toward their playground and for Leader Dogs for the Blind. The funds were raised through a Penny War.

Accepting the donation on behalf of Kingsley Montgomery School was Sean Waymaster, Principal; Jordan Smith, student at Kingsley Montgomery School; and Carrie Smith, parent at Kingsley Montgomery School and Waterford School District PAC representative.

It is incredible what children are capable of when give the opportunity. Thank you students at Waterford Village Elementary for helping the students at Kingsley Montgomery School raise funds for a playground.

INFORMATION ITEM

Alternative Revenue Development - Rhonda Lessel, School and Community Specialist, provided the Board of Education with a report on Alternative Revenue Development (ARD).

Facility Utilization Plan Update - Thomas Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Human Services, shared an update on the implementation of the Facility Utilization Plan.

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

USDA Visit - The Waterford School District was nominated by the Michigan Department of Education to host a visit from a high ranking official from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in recognition of our efforts to promote nutritious meals and activities that encourage healthy lifestyles for children.

The District will welcome Ms. Audrey Rowe, Deputy Administrator for Special Nutrition Programs in the Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, on Thursday, May 13. Ms. Rowe will visit Waterford Village Elementary School where she will highlight the Obama Administration's efforts to improve school meals as Congress considers reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act and outline a number of steps to reduce hunger and improve the health and nutrition of children.

The visit will begin at Waterford Village Elementary School at 10:30 a.m., where Ms. Rowe will learn about the Waterford School District's breakfast program, tour the Veggie Village grow stations and garden. At 11:40 a.m., Ms. Rowe will have lunch with several Waterford Village students and at 12:30 p.m., a roundtable is planned where she will meet with administrators, teachers, parents, community members, and students to discuss their ideas about improving children's health and nutrition.

Race to the Top: Memorandum of Understanding - Michigan is in the process of developing the Race to the Top (RT3) phase 2 grant application, which has the potential of bringing \$400 million in federal education reform funds to Michigan.

The United States Department of Education (USED) requires states to have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) from local districts, public school academies (PSAs), and intermediate school districts (ISDs) that are going to participate in the state RT3 plan. Every district and PSA is eligible to receive RT3 funds; however, to receive funds, districts and PSAs must have a signed MOU with the state.

Because the application will be revised, districts, public school academies, and intermediate school districts (ISDs) will need to submit a new MOU to be a participating district and to receive funds.

Similar to the MOU collection process during phase 1, the State of Michigan is asking the ISDs to coordinate the collection of all district MOUs. This will include both district and Public School Academy districts located within the ISD's boundaries. ISDs will then compile the MOUs and send MDE a summary.

To provide districts with time to review Michigan's application before submission to the USED, the State will publicly release it at the May 11, 2010, State Board of Education meeting. Local district and PSA MOUs must be submitted to their ISDs by close of business on Thursday, May 20, 2010. ISDs must submit the summary of the MOUs to MDE by 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010. MDE staff will work over the weekend to compile the statewide information for inclusion in the application, which will be sent to USED on Thursday, May 27.

As such, the Board of Education is tentatively scheduled to take action on the Memorandum of Understanding at a Special Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 5:00 PM, at Covert, provided appropriate information is provided by the State of Michigan in a timely manner.

Oakland Schools Budget - Section 624 of the Revised School Code, as amended, requires the intermediate school board to 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. The attached resolution in support of the Oakland Intermediate School District Budget will be recommended for Board approval on May 20, 2010.

Notice of Public Hearing - The Administration recommended that the Board of Education approve the newspaper notice, "Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2010-2011 Budget" at the May 20, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WEA, MESPA I, II, and III Contracts - The Board of Education approved the tentative agreements relative to the wage reopener between the Waterford School District and the following:
 Waterford Education Association (WEA), Teachers
 MESPA I, Secretaries
 MESPA II, Instructional Aides/Library Technicians
 MESPA III, Cafeteria, Custodians, Maintenance, and Transportation

Reinstatement for Two High School Students - The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committees with regard to two students. The Committee recommended that one of the students be reinstated for the Summer School term and the Fall of the 2010-2011 school year. The recommendation for the second student was that the student not be reinstated to the Waterford School District.

In keeping with Michigan law, committees consisting of school board members, school administrator, teacher, and a parent of a pupil in the District reviewed the reinstatements. After reviewing all facts and information in the matter, and giving careful consideration to the applicable State law, the committee submitted the recommendations as stated above.

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

Hoydic, Ann, Teacher
Haviland Elementary School
Adams Elementary School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2010

Cristea, Rawleen, Teacher
Kettering High School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2010

Lawrence, Martha, Teacher
Adams Elementary School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2010

Stanke, Diane, Teacher
Cooley Elementary School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2010

Van Dyke, Margaret
Burt Elementary School
Effective June 30, 2010

Appointment of Interim Superintendent - The Board of Education approved the appointment of Thomas W. Wiseman as Interim Superintendent, effective July 1, 2010.

FUTURE

May 20, 2010

- (1) Student - Waterford Village: Success Center
- (2) Information - Millage Rates
- (3) Information - Summer Tax Collection Fees
- (4) Information - 2010-2011 Budget
- (5) Information - Continuing Employment of Teaching Personnel
- (6) Information - Continuing Employment of Administrative Personnel
- (7) Information - Oakland ISD Election Resolution
- (8) Action - Oakland ISD Budget Resolution
- (9) Action - 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.