
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2010

STUDENT ITEM

Waterford Village Success Center - Social Worker, Christin Pardon shared a video highlighting the Waterford Village Success Center Model, which incorporates the teaching of Conscious Discipline, Positive Behavior Support (PBS), and school wide Common Language.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD PRESIDENT

Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year - Superintendent Neu and the Board of Education had the privilege of extending congratulations to Mrs. Susan Austin, teacher at Mason Middle School, for being named the 2010 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the middle school level. This distinction is an incredible honor that recognizes Mrs. Austin as an exemplary educator that has achieved the highest standards of excellence in her profession.

Out of 58 Oakland County teachers nominated for outstanding contributions to the classroom, one winner was selected for elementary, middle school, as well as high school levels. Mrs. Austin was notified during a surprise announcement in her classroom at Mason Middle School on April 15. In addition, she received special recognition at the 23rd Annual Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards on May 6, 2010, and was awarded \$2,000 from Health Alliance Plan (HAP).

Once again, the Waterford School District commends Mrs. Susan Austin, 2010 Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and congratulates her on this most prestigious achievement.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Yearbook/Newspaper Awards - Congratulations to the Kettering Murmur staff for receiving a Spartan Award from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association. This is the 4th consecutive Spartan Award and the 5th in the last six years for Kettering's student newspaper. The Spartan is Michigan's top award for publications; approximately 15 newspapers statewide are given this honor each year. In addition, individual newspaper and yearbook awards were presented and our students did quite well. Again, congratulations Murmur and good job to all of the yearbook and journalism students at Kettering High School who received awards.

CTE - On May 4, Business partners and educators representing Oakland County Education Advisory Group recognized Oakland County students for their outstanding technical achievement exhibited in their Career and Technical Education program. These students were honored for striving to achieve and gain the skills necessary to become capable and knowledgeable contributors to the future global workforce. Congratulations to Waterford Kettering Information Technology student, Eric Defore, and Waterford Mott Drafting and Design student, Christine Lindsay. And, thank you to their teachers, Anthony Miller and Sharon Spencer.

Mini Innovative Vehicle Design (IVD) Racing - Square One Education Network held the 2nd Annual Mini IVD Racing Performance Day Challenge on April 24, 2010, at the Washtenaw Fairgrounds, in Saline, MI. In October, students were given a 1/8th scale gas RC vehicle and a budget of \$1500 in which they had to purchase items and then convert the vehicle into electric.

Waterford Mott's CADD Engineering Team won a 2nd place award in Engineering and Craftsmanship. Out of the ten student members, four were able to attend the competition. Dylan Ihrke, Dominic Mora, Aaron McLemore and Ashley Glisson participated in this event.

Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society (MITES) - MITES held the regional competition on April 28, 2010 at Farmington High School. Student's drawings from the CADD Architecture and Engineering program were entered. Out of six student entries, Waterford Mott's CADD Architecture and Engineering program came home with 1st, 2nd 3rd and 6th place.

Edgar Nieves took 1st and Dylan Ihrke took 2nd in the Bridge Construction category, Dominic Mora took 3rd place in the Architectural Model category, Alida Toth took 6th in the Interior Design Board category and Jesus Gandarilla and Mike Pariseau received honorable mentions in their categories. In addition, Delaney LaVoie took 1st in the Wood Furniture category, Sean Doweling took 1st in the Wood Wall Hanging category and they both received honorable mentions at the recent State competition for their efforts. Congratulations to all of these students for their hard work.

Careers with Children - On May 11 and 12, 90 high school students from Laurel Meribela's Careers with Children program engaged Stepanski students in two days of activity, fun, games, and storytelling related to the children's literature works of Eric Carle. All activities and costumes were planned, organized, created and executed by the high school students as a culminating event highlighting the practical application of what they have learned in the program. It was truly a wonderful, magical experience for all those that participated.

2010 School Bus Driving Championship Rodeo - Congratulations to the Waterford team that competed in the Oakland County Regional School Bus Rodeo on Saturday May 8. Our bus drivers were outstanding among all participants. Carrie Myre, Bonnie Pittaway, and Jennifer Rubenacker placed 2nd in the team competition and Carrie Myre placed 3rd overall, qualifying her for participation in the State Championship. Again, great job to Carrie, Bonnie, and Jennifer and best wishes to Carrie at the State School Bus Driving Championship at Grand Ledge Public Schools on June 22.

INFORMATION ITEM

Athletics Policy - Administration provided information to the Board of Education regarding proposed revisions to the Athletics Policy. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 3, 2010.

Attendance Policy - Administration provided information to the Board of Education regarding proposed revisions to the Attendance Policy. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 3, 2010.

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

Retirement Reform - Robert R. Neu, Superintendent, and Thomas W. Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent, Business & Human Resources, provided information to the Board of Education relative to the retirement reform legislation.

Race to the Top: Memorandum of Understanding - William Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services, Finance & Budget, provided an update as it relates to the Race to the Top and the Memorandum of Understanding.

Millage Rates 2010-2011 - The Administration recommends the Waterford Board of Education certify the following tax levy to the Charter Townships of Waterford, West Bloomfield, Independence, White Lake, and the City of Lake Angelus for the 2010 School District Tax Collection:

General Operating: (Non Homestead)

Voted 2004	<u>18.00</u>	Mills	
Total Authorized	<u>18.00</u>	Mills	
Compound Reduction Fraction *			
	<u>1.00</u>	Based on \$2,472,209,720	
Total to be Levied	<u>18.00</u>	Mills	Taxable Value

Debt Retirement: (All Property)

Total to be Levied	<u>5.22</u>	Mills
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Total Levy:

Total Tax Levy Homestead	5.22	Mills
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Total Tax Levy Non-Homestead	<u>23.22</u>	Mills
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The total levy (100%) is to be made in July 2010.

* The 18 mill Non-Homestead property tax is subject to the Headlee Rollback calculation (Compound Reduction Fraction). The reduction fraction is calculated by Oakland County and is provided to Districts annually prior to June 1st.

Mr. Holbrook also presented information on property values and the effect on the Debt Retirement Fund.

Summer Tax Collection Fees - The Board of Education received information relative to the Summer Tax Collection Fees for 2010-2011. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 3.

2010-2011 Budget - Thomas W. Wiseman, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Human Resources, and William Holbrook, Associate Director of Business Services, Finance & Budget, presented the 2010-2011 Waterford School District Budget to the Board of Education.

Continuing Employment of Teaching Personnel 2010-2011 - The Board of Education received the recommendation for the employment of teaching personnel for the 2010-2011 school year. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 3.

Continuing Employment of Administrative Personnel 2010-2011 - The Board of Education received a recommendation for the re-employment of administrative personnel on a non-administrative tenure basis, for a period of two years, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012, subject to appropriate written notice of termination prior to June 30, 2012, due to conditions requiring probation, layoff, reassignment and/or personnel reduction and termination. A recommendation for approval will be presented on June 3.

Oakland ISD Election Resolution - Every two years, Oakland Schools conducts an election process for seats on the Oakland Schools Board of Education. Oakland Schools board members are elected by an electoral body comprised of one person designated by the board of education of each constituent school district. Oakland Schools will conduct an election this year on Monday, June 7, 2010.

Each constituent school district board must designate a representative to this electoral body by adopting a resolution that 1) designates the person to vote in the ISD election on behalf of the local district board; 2) directs the designee which candidate the board supports for each position to be filed; and 3) directs the designee to vote for that individual(s) at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the proposed resolution at the June 3, 2010, Interim Meeting.

Playground Improvements: KMS - The administration is reviewing proposals for site and equipment renovations to Kingsley Montgomery School's playground areas. A recommendation will be presented for Board approval on June 17.

NEW BUSINESS

Oakland Schools Budget Resolution - 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. As such, the Board of Education approved a resolution in support of the Oakland Intermediate School District.

Public Hearing: Proposed 2010-2011 Budget - The Board of Education approved the newspaper notice "Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed 2010-2011 Budget."

Resignations/Retirements - The Board of Education accepted the following resignations/retirements:

Judith Blavin, Teacher
Adams Elementary School
Retirement
Effective June 30, 2010

Jill Bowden, Teacher
Children's Village School
Retirement
Effective April 30, 2010

Dave Lessel, Assistant Principal
Mott High School
Retirement
Effective May 31, 2010

Robert R. Neu, Superintendent
Waterford School District
Resignation
Effective June 30, 2010

Resolution: Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding - The Board of Education approved the resolution relative to Race to the Top and the authorization of signature on the Memorandum of Understanding.

June 3, 2010

- (1) Student - USDA Visit
- (2) Recognition - WF Teacher of the Year Nominees
- (3) Information - Establish Board of Education Meeting Dates/Times/Location
- (4) Action - Continuing Employment of Teaching Personnel
- (5) Action - Continuing Employment of Administrative Personnel
- (6) Action - Summer Tax Collection Fees
- (7) Action - Millage Rates 2009-2010
- (8) Action - 2010-2011 WSD Budget Resolution
- (9) Action - Attendance Policy
- (10) Action - Athletic Policy
- (11) Action - Oakland ISD Board of Education Election Resolution

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.