
Board Briefs

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2010

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD PRESIDENT

Team Nutrition Awards - Superintendent Neu was pleased to introduce three extraordinary Waterford School District employees, Doreen Simonds, Food & Nutrition Services, and Waterford School District Physical Education Teachers, Brian Tass and Jim Petersen. These employees have been recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as Michigan Team Nutrition Award winners. Team Nutrition is a United States Department of Agriculture initiative that teaches students and families to make food and physical activity choices for a healthy lifestyle. Currently there are over 800 schools in Michigan enrolled in Team Nutrition.

Out of 80 nominations state-wide, Doreen has been awarded the Shining star award, Jim received the Rising Star Award, and Brian received the Super Star Award, each for their role modeling activities demonstrating healthy eating and physical activity habits, as well as enthusiastically encouraging others to do the same. The Waterford School District is a leader in the area of health and nutrition as evidenced by our recent USDA visit and the work of our outstanding employees, including Doreen, Jim, and Brian.

On behalf of the Board of Education as well as the Michigan Department of Education, Mr. Neu congratulated and recognized Brian Tass, Jim Petersen, and Doreen Simonds for this outstanding tribute and for the tremendous efforts each of you make to ensuring the health and well being of the students and families in the Waterford School District. We are honored to present a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Education but also your respective award certificates from Michigan Team Nutrition, signed by State Superintendent Flanagan.

Dave Smith, Board of Education Member - The Board of Education is honored to recognize fellow Board member, Dave Smith, who has served the Waterford School District admirably since February 2004. Dave was appointed to the Board following the resignation of 34 year board member veteran, Stan Kurzman, and then elected by the voters in June of the same year. As an active community member, parent, business owner, and member of the Waterford Foundation for Public Education, Dave was eager to shape and serve the community through policy and vision development. He has contributed countless hours of his time focusing on making decisions that will form the educational future of the students of Waterford Schools. On behalf of the Waterford School District and the entire Waterford Community, the Board would like to thank and recognize Dave Smith for his many contributions to the Waterford School District and for his dedicated service and commitment to Waterford's youth as a member of the Board of Education.

Robert Neu, Superintendent of Schools - The Board of Education would like to recognize Mr. Robert Neu, Superintendent of Schools, for his contributions and service to the Waterford School District. Mr. Neu joined the Waterford School District team in 2002 as principal of Waterford Kettering High School. During this time he led the Kettering staff through a cultural change by adopting the PLC model and restructured the school day to include Seminar, which ultimately became a graduation requirement.

In 2004 Rob was appointed Director of Secondary Education where he provided leadership and supervision to the overall instructional program for all Waterford School District students, grades 6-12. As Director, Rob led the horizontal and vertical realignment of the K-12 curriculum and identification of essential secondary course outcomes and also supervised the opening of two school/community pool and fitness centers at our high schools, among numerous other accomplishments.

Then, in January 2007, Rob began his current role serving the District as Superintendent of Schools. Over the last three years, Superintendent Neu has provided leadership, lending to the successful

outcome to a very difficult negotiation process with all collective bargaining units. During unprecedented economic times, Mr. Neu has made the hard decisions that were necessary to keep the Waterford School District in good financial stead, while maintaining the primary focus ...the students. Amid the most challenging financial obstacles, the Waterford School District was able to raise student achievement and increase the opportunities for our students with programs such as all day, every day, tuition free kindergarten. This is a true testament to Mr. Neu's leadership and commitment to education.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Waterford School District community, appreciation and recognition was extended to Mr. Neu for his dedicated service and a plaque was presented in honor of his time in Waterford. We wish Mr. Neu great success and good fortune as his career takes him to Federal Way Public Schools.

Waterford Township Supervisor, Carl Solden, also shared some parting words of appreciation for Mr. Neu and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Township of Waterford.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

Co-op Teacher of the Year - Congratulations to Bette Rose, teacher at Mott High School, who has been named the *2010 Co-op Teacher of the Year* by the Michigan Career Placement Association (MCPA). The MCPA is an organization that works to improve career preparation for students and disseminate information for professionals.

Ms. Rose has served as the co-op coordinator at Mott High School for the last nine years. She has developed successful business relationships with community employers and has secured employment for students with the Waterford Fire Department, Waterford Fire Cadet Program, and the Michigan College of Beauty just to name a few. Bette also created a business internship program at Mott High School which provides an opportunity for students to gain valuable office skills. In addition, Bette has served on MCPA State Board for seven years and as St. Clair, Macomb, and Oakland County Regional Representative for MCPA for seven years. Bette received special recognition at the MCPA Annual Conference on June 14.

MITES - On Friday, April 30, the Mott Automotive technicians Training program participated in the MITES Automotive Competition at Tuscola Career Center. Twenty three schools brought ninety-two students to the competition. Ryan Morley, a Waterford Mott auto student won third place overall in the General Service Category. This competition involved: comprehensive written test, fasteners area, hand tools identification, safety inspection, general parts identification, manuals and specifications. Curtis Templeton, a Waterford Mott auto student placed in four areas with a third place ribbon in brakes. The Master Tech area involved: comprehensive written knowledge test, comprehensive written math test, brakes, steering and suspension, electrical and tune up. Ryan Morley won \$5,500 in scholarship money and Curtis Templeton won \$1,500. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievements.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Graduation Report - Lynn Kosinski, Supervisor of Secondary Education, provided a report on the graduation of the Class of 2010.

Cyber Academy - Lynn Kosinski, Supervisor of Secondary Education, presented information relative to the Cyber Academy program.

INFORMATION ITEMS

School of Choice Resolution - A resolution relative to School of Choice was presented to the Board of Education as information. A recommendation for approval will be presented at the July 15, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

Summer Tax Collection Resolution - The Board of Education received as information the Summer Tax Collection Resolution. A recommendation for approval will be presented on July 15, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Establish the Official Board Meeting Night, Time, and Location - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to establish the Interim and Regular meetings of the Board of Education be scheduled per the list below with the third Thursday being the Regular meeting, at 6:00 PM, and the first Thursday, the Interim meeting, at 6:00 PM. Board meetings will be held at the Waterford Township Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, Michigan, unless posted otherwise.

2010-2011 School Year

Interim Meetings

- ~~July 1, 2010~~
- August 5, 2010
- September 2, 2010
- October 7, 2010
- November 4, 2010
- December 2, 2010
- January 6, 2011
- February 3, 2011
- March 3, 2011

- May 5, 2011
- June 2, 2011

Regular Meetings

- July 15, 2010
- August 19, 2010
- September 16, 2010
- *October 21, 2010
- November 18, 2010
- December 16, 2010
- January 20, 2011
- February 17, 2011
- March 17, 2011
- **April 14, 2011
- May 19, 2011
- June 16, 2011

*The October 21, 2010 meeting will be held at the Kurzman Administration Office, Covert Center.

**Due to Spring Break and the Easter Holiday the Regular Meeting in April will be held on the second Thursday of the month, April 14, 2011.

Reinstatement - 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. The committee recommended that the student be reinstated with conditions. 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 in the matter, and giving careful consideration to the applicable State law, the committee submitted the recommendation as stated above.

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

Altermatt, Janice, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
Retirement
August 31, 2010

Bawden, Ann, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Berry, Mike, Teacher
Mott High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

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

Burns, Patricia, Librarian
Crary Middle School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Burrell, Daniel, Teacher
Kettering High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Connelly, Cheryl, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Cristea, Rawleen, Teacher
Consultant
Kettering High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010
Saidman, Merrill, Teacher
Beaumont Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Flattery, Diane, Teacher
Houghton Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Freeze, Linda, Teacher
Pierce Middle School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Frenkel, Kenneth, Teacher
Kettering High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Gebrowsky, Gerald, Teacher
Children's Village School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Gerchow, Connie, Teacher
Sandburg Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Hemmerly, Lorraine, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Hoydic, Ann, Teacher
Adams/Haviland Elementary
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Johnson, Lawrence, Teacher
Crary Middle School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Tunnecliffe, Carol, Teacher
Mott High School
Retirement
August 31, 2010

Kolody, Linda, Occupational
Therapist
Stepanski Early Childhood Center
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Kosinski, Steven,
Teacher/Consultant
Grayson/Sandburg Elementary
Retirement
June 30, 2010

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

Mandley, James, Teacher
Mott High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

McArthur, Barbara, Teacher
Mott High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

McMann, Elaine, Teacher
Donelson Hills Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Pike, Linda, Teacher
Waterford Village Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Pudavick, Madalyn, Teacher
Haviland Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Schiffman, Leonard, Teacher
Kingsley Montgomery School
Retirement
August 31, 2010

Van Dyke, Margaret, Teacher
Burt Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Schossau, Heather, Teacher
Knudsen Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

*Wandrie, Matthew, Principal
Mott High School
Resignation
June 30, 2010

Schroder, Margaret, Teacher
Manley Campus
Retirement
June 30, 2010

White, James, Teacher
Sandburg/Schoolcraft Elementary
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Schuetz, Robert, Teacher
Kettering High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Yestrepky, Rene', Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
Resignation
June 30, 2010

Schuetz, Robin, Teacher
Kettering High School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Zywicki, Theodore, Teacher
Crary Middle School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

Seal, Patricia, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
Retirement
June 30, 2010

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

Contract Changes/Appointments - The Board of Education approved the following teaching/administrative contract changes/appointments:

Breen, Jennifer, Teacher
Houghton Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Liberman, Renee, Teacher
Haviland Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

DeSana, Ryan, Teacher
Beaumont Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Mauer, Alexandra, Teacher
TBD Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Farley, Diana, Teacher
Kingsley Montgomery School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Gesaman, Lisa, Teacher
Cooley Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Gessner, Alexandra, Teacher
Houghton Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Green, Lindsay, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Johnson, Jessica, Teacher
Adams Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

McLean, Jessica, Teacher
Kettering High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Radnick, Heidi, Teacher
Riverside Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Reske, Jaclyn, Teacher
Mott High School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective August 27, 2010

Supervisor of Secondary Education - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to appoint Joshua Wenning as the Supervisor to Secondary Education and Athletics, effective July 1, 2010.

Contract Award: Playground Equipment at KMS - The Board of Education approved the recommendation to award a contract for the purchase and installation of specialized playground equipment from DP & Hoffman PlayWorks, Inc. in the amount of \$33,340. The equipment includes an accessible deck area, slide, and other specialized structures suitable for students with special needs. DP & Hoffman PlayWorks, Inc., is the sole source of specific pieces of specialized playground equipment that have been designated to replace other apparatus on the KMS playground.

July 15, 2010

1. Information - School Meal Prices, July 15
2. Information - Short Term Borrowing, July 15
3. Information - Head Start Reports, July 15
4. Information - Head Start Policies/Budget, July 15
5. Action - Designation of Newspaper to Publish Official Notices, July 15
6. Action - Appointment of General Legal Counsel, July 15
7. Action - Appointment of Labor Counsel, July 15
8. Action - Appointment of Special Education Legal Counsel, July 15
9. Action - Appointment of Student Issue Legal Counsel, July 15
10. Action - Appointment of External Auditors, July 15
11. Action - Designee to Represent the Board in Elections, July 15
12. Action - Authorization to Represent the Board in Property Matters, July 15
13. Action - School District Legal Reference Note, July 15
14. Action - Summer Tax Collection Resolution, July 15
15. Action - School of Choice Resolution, July 15

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.