
BOARD BRIEFS

*SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION*

DECEMBER 15, 2011

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

Nurse Practitioner Receives Award - Waterford Teen Health Center Nurse Practitioner Dottie Rodriguez has been honored by the School Community Health Alliance of Michigan with the Marilyn Keesler Legacy Award. This award recognizes an individual who encompasses strong and passionate advocacy for children and school-based and linked health centers and programs. Congratulations to "Miss Dottie" on this prestigious award.

MESPA I Raises Money for Stepanski Giving Tree - The MESPA I Secretaries held their annual Holiday event at the Waterford Elks, on November 30. Through this event attendees raised \$750 to benefit the Stepanski Giving Tree. The money was raised through a raffle of items donated by MESPA I members. Special thanks MESPA I for their ongoing generosity and for making this holiday season brighter for students at Stepanski.

KMS Holiday Bazaar - A special thank you is extended to Sandra Swearingen and James Dunsmore for organizing the Kingsley Montgomery School Holiday Bazaar on **December 2**. Students from Kingsley Montgomery School created crafts to sell. Parents and other local vendors also participated. In total, \$136.50 was raised and donated from the Kingsley Montgomery School Holiday Bazaar. This money benefits the Kingsley Montgomery School playground. We appreciate the leadership of Mrs. Swearingen and Mr. Dunsmore to make this event a success.

KMS Students Attend Toys for Tots Program - Thank you to Jennifer Bishop for organizing the participation of our Severe Multiply and Severe Cognitive Impaired programs of Kingsley Montgomery School to attend the Lakeland High School Student Leadership Toys for Tots program on December 8. The Lakeland High School Student Leadership students, under the direction of Mr. Scott Rolando, hold fundraisers during the school year to raise funds to purchase holiday gifts for the students at Kingsley Montgomery School. While at the event, the Student Leadership students sang carols, played music, and handed out the gifts they had purchased. We appreciate the leadership of Ms. Bishop and Lakeland High School to make this event a success. We also recognize the exceptional service and coordination for transporting students to Lakeland High School by Monica Morgan, who was exemplary in her service.

Holiday Extravaganza Writing Contest - Congratulations to Abigail Carlson, 3rd grader at Cooley Elementary, for being named one of four first place winners in the Holiday Extravaganza Writing Contest, receiving a laptop computer as a prize. Additionally, Abby was invited to participate in Pontiac's Holiday Parade as one of four Grand Marshall's, and Abby rode in the parade with Waterford Township Supervisor, Carl Solden.

Adams Named Fuel Up to Play 60 School - We are pleased to announce that Adams Elementary has completed Fuel Up to Play 60's Six Steps, becoming an official 2011-2012 Fuel Up to Play Touchdown School! Congratulations to the staff and students at Adams for meeting the challenge to put your students on a path toward eating healthy and staying active.

Elks Hoop Shoot Contest Winner - We are also pleased to share that Logan Forbes, Cooley Elementary student, was the winner for his age bracket at the Elks National Hoop Shoot contest, held at Mason Middle School. In January Logan will compete against the other winners in his age group in the Elks district Hoop Shoot contest, at Ferndale High School. Best of Luck Logan!

International Thespian Society Festival - Congratulations to the following Mott High School students for receiving special honors at the Michigan International Thespian Society Festival, held at Saginaw Valley State University:

- Justice Ewing
- Desiree McAtamney
- Alex Miriani
- Kylie Stidham
- Ian Templeton

Kylie Stidham and Ian Templeton have also qualified for the National Thespian Festival Finals this summer in Lincoln, Nebraska. Congratulations to all of our Drama Club members who are exceptional representatives of Waterford Mott High School.

OCCRA Hall of Fame Educator Award - Congratulations to Steve Smitka, Kettering High School teacher and Lead Mentor for the FIRST Robotics Team. Steve was honored at the end of the season OCCRA banquet at Oakland Schools with the Hall of Fame Educator Award for the 2011 OCCRA season. Steve is 1 of 8 Hall of Fame Educator members and was presented with a plaque and medal. We are also pleased to acknowledge students Colin Ross and Kyle Wellman for receiving honorable mention at the banquet and Joey Yudasz for making the All Oakland County Robotics team.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Beaumont Choir -The Beaumont Elementary Choir, under the direction of Jessica Blitchok, performed Holiday selections for the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Graduation Requirements - Mike Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability, and Joshua Wenning, Supervisor of Secondary Education, presented the Board of Education with a recommendation regarding Waterford School District graduation requirements.

Head Start Policies - The Head Start program is required by the federal government to have a policy committee. This committee meets monthly for the purpose of developing and approving policies for the Head Start program. All policies developed and approved by this committee also require Board of Education approval. The Board of Education received the Code of Operations, Reimbursement Policy, Governance Plan, Internal Dispute Resolution/Grievance Dispute for Community Complaints, and School Board Responsibilities as approved by the Head Start Policy Committee. A recommendation for approval will be presented on January 5, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Graduation Requirements - The Board of Education approved the proposed changes to the Waterford School District graduation requirements.

Contract Change(s)/Appointment(s) - The Board of Education approved the following teaching contract change(s) and appointment(s) for the 2011-2012 school year:

Angela Spuck, Social Worker
Student Support Services
100% Annual Contract
Effective January 3, 2011

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

Denise DeCubber, Teacher
Recovery/Literacy Interventionist
Waterford Village Elementary
Retirement
Effective January 27, 2011

Reinstatement - The Board of Education approved the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee to reinstate, with conditions, a student previously expelled by the District. In keeping with Michigan law, a committee consisting of school board members, school administrator, teacher and a 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.

FUTURE

January 5, 2012

Celebration of Learning - Mott High School
Celebration of Learning - Burt Elementary School
Action - Head Start Policies

For information on these subjects, watch the replay of the Board meeting on Channel 22 or stream on the District's website. 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.