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# BOARD BRIEFS

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

*FEBRUARY 2, 2012*

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## CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

**Donelson Hills Singers** - Second grade students from Donelson Hills Elementary sang for the Board of Education in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

**Houghton Elementary** - This year Houghton is focused on improving student growth academically, physically, and mentally by addressing the whole child. To celebrate learning at Houghton, staff shared the many exciting things they are doing to support the District's vision: inspire, educate, and empower our students for their future! Additionally, Houghton students performed a song for the Board.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

**Floor Hockey Game to Benefit Open Door Outreach** - I am pleased to share that on Friday, January 20, 2012, on the Crary Campus, the Central Office Flaming Sharks played the Waterford Wildcats from the Lifetracks program in floor hockey. It was a wonderful event with many highlights but none better than the spirit of staff and students playing together! The Waterford Wildcats did prevail and the Open Door Outreach Center benefitted from 164 non perishable items donated at admission. Thank you to all staff members who combined their efforts to help make this event a great success!

**DECA** - Students from the Mott and Kettering DECA program competed on January 7 at the District 6 Career Development Conference with around 800 total students from 15 schools each seeking to advance to the State Conference in March. Five students from Mott and eighteen from Kettering were awarded at the competition and will be moving to States. Congratulations to all of these students and instructors Mrs. Haller, Mrs. Karpushenkoff, and Mrs. Ankoviak and best of luck at States.

**MSBOA Honor Concert/Jazz Band** - Congratulations to Kettering Band students Nick Andrews, Audrey Schult, Katie Moase, and Rachel Stopchinski who recently performed with the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association All-District 4 Honor Concert Band and also to Band Director and District 4's Band Teacher of the Year, Scott Adkins who was invited to guest conduct the band. Kettering students Jesse Sams and Jake Sams were also selected for the MSBOA All-District 4 Honor Jazz Band. Again, congratulations to all of these students who were selected amongst hundreds of students nominated by their directors from 18 area high schools.

**Scholastic Art Awards** - Waterford Kettering and Mott High School students received top honors in the Southeastern Michigan Region, 2012 Scholastic Art Awards competition. Students from Oakland and Wayne counties submitted over 4,300 pieces of art and photography for consideration. Eleven hundred twenty (1,120) pieces were chosen for regional exhibition at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. Receiving Gold Key Awards were Waterford Kettering Art Students **Amanda Hargraves**, **Amanda Gloth**, and **Michaela Saunders** and Waterford Mott Art Student **Rachael Murray**. Amanda Hargraves also received Best in Show for her portfolio. All Gold Key art work will be forwarded to New York to compete for National Honors. Congratulations to these student artists as well as all those that placed from Kettering and Mott High Schools as well as their instructors, Mallory Champine, Lori Groff, Frank Puddy, Ted Bowersox, Rene Ciennik, and Gary Mudd.

**OC Bowling Champs** - Congratulations to the Waterford Mott Boys Varsity bowling team for winning the Oakland County Bowling Championship tournament. The team defeated Oxford in a thrilling match as R. J. Wood struck out in the final frame for a six pin victory.

**Pierce Spelling Bee** - The Pierce Middle School All-School Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 26. Isabelle Lilenthal won for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Gabby Jenish won for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and Madison Kurz won for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Fourteen additional students participated in the final Spelling Bee. Maxx Haehn won the All-School Spelling Bee and will represent Pierce Middle School at the Oakland County Spelling Bee on March 11. Thanks to Pierce Counselor Becky Staab for organizing the event and good luck to Maxx.

#### INFORMATION ITEM

**Head Start Reports** - 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 as information the November and December Financial Reports for 2011 and the Director's Reports for December 2011/January 2012.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**School Counseling Week Resolution** - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming February 6-10, 2012 as School Counseling Week.

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

Linda Jensen, Teacher  
Our Lady of the Lakes Schools  
St. Stephen Lutheran School  
Retirement Effective March 1, 2012

**Contract Changes/Appointments** - The Board of Education approved the following teaching contract change/appointment for the 2011-2012 school year:

Kevin Beers, Teacher  
Mott High School  
Decreased from 120% to 110%  
Second Semester Only, Tenure Contract  
Effective January 30, 2012

#### FUTURE

##### February 2, 2012

Celebration of Learning - Waterford Village Elementary  
Information - Revised 2011-2012 Budget  
Action - CTE Week Resolution  
Action - Entrepreneurship Week 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.