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# BOARD BRIEFS

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SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 21, 2010

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## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Silveri introduced Mott High School junior, Daniel Hoehn. Through his hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment, Daniel has earned the honorable distinction of Eagle Scout.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a rank that only 0.7% of all Scouts earn, Daniel was required to complete a minimum of 21 Merit Badges and complete an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. This project requires a Life Scout to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a religious institution, school, or community.

Daniel chose Donelson Hills Elementary for his project because, as a Cub Scout at Donelson Hills, he and his Pack would work in the gardens at the front of the school. However, it was plot of dirt on the side of the school that inspired Daniel to begin the comprehensive project of creating a new garden.

In the end, planting the garden would be the easy part. Daniel spent more than a remarkable 160 hours on his project to benefit Donelson Hills Elementary.

Before the project was even started, Daniel had it reviewed and approved in writing by school principal, the Boy Scout Troop Scoutmaster, the Troop Committee and the Boy Scout District Advancement Chairperson. In addition, a journal of all hours spent working on the project was kept and a fundraiser was organized and carried out. Soil samples were taken and tested by Michigan State University Extension at Oakland County. Daniel also located a registered Landscape Architect to volunteer to design the garden, he secured donations from several businesses, and enlisted adults and Scouts to help get the plot ready and plant all of the plants. Maps and directions to the closest hospital were made and First Aid kits, plans for lunch, water, ice, snacks, and other needs for the work crew all had to be organized before the work even started. And, if that weren't enough, although Daniel's project was complete, he continued to visit Donelson Hills throughout the summer to tend the garden so the plants would thrive.

On behalf of the Waterford School District and the Board of Education, congratulations Daniel on this admirable accomplishment and thank you for your outstanding contributions to Donelson Hills Elementary School.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL STAFF

**OCCRA Competition** - The first of five Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association (OCCRA) tournaments will take place at Kettering High school on Saturday, October 23, from 9 AM to 1 PM. OCCRA celebrates the combination of technical and academic disciplines such as design, engineering, physics, mathematics, and electronics through student designed and built robots, while promoting teamwork and raising awareness of the diverse technical career options. This event is free for everyone and will be taking place in Kettering's South gym. We will also have demonstrations from our new *FIRST* Lego League teams from Mason and Pierce in the hallway during the competition. Please come and support this great program!

**No Place for Hate School** - Mott High School is being recognized by the ADL for being the first No Place for Hate school designated in Michigan. A celebration event is being planned with students on November 4 and further information will be presented at the November 4 Board of Education meeting.

**Mason Boys Cross Country** - Mason Middle School Boys Cross Country team took first place at the White Lake invite in early September. The team also won first place at the Oakland County Championships on October 8. Congratulations to these student athletes for these exciting accomplishments.

**Wendy's Student Athlete of the Week** - Mott Cross Country runner, senior, Shannon Osika has been selected as the Wendy's Student Athlete of the Week by the STATE CHAMPS High School Sports Show. The award will be presented to Shannon on Tuesday, October 19, at 10:45 AM at Mott High School. Following the presentation, Shannon and her coach, Amy Coughlin, will be interviewed by the host of the show, Lorne Plant. The segment will be aired on WMYD My TV20 Detroit at 11:30 AM on October 23. Congratulations Shannon Osika!

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

**External Audit** - The Board of Education was presented with the Audited Financial Statements for the 2009-2010 fiscal year by David Youngstrom, Yeo & Yeo. The Audited Financial Statements are a public document and will be available for review at the Kurzman Administrative Services Crary Campus, Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Human Resources, as well as the Waterford School District website, [www.waterford.k12.mi.us](http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us).

**Head Start Reports** - The Board of Education received the Head Start Director's Report for October 2010 as well as the September 2010 Financial Report.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Reinstatement of Two Students** - The Board of Education approved the Recommendation of the Reinstatement Committees with regard to the decision on the reinstatement request of two students previously expelled by the District. The committees recommended that the students be reinstated with conditions.

In keeping with Michigan law, committees consisting of school board members, school administrator, teacher and 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.

#### FUTURE

##### November 4, 2010

Student - No Place for Hate School

Information - Unofficial Election Results

Action - Great Start Readiness Program Participating 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.