
BOARD BRIEFS

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

OCTOBER 6, 2011

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT BY CENTRAL OFFICE

Community Build - On Saturday, September 17, over 45 volunteers and donors came together for a Community Build to assemble and install equipment as part of the second phase of the KMS playground. Through the efforts of our community members, donors, and fundraising events over \$33,000 was raised for this portion of the playground. Parents, students, staff, neighbors, and members of local churches made the Community Build a great and worthwhile success. A special thanks to Dr. Raymond 'Bo' Fortson for his donation of tools and cement, and to Mrs. Donna Olsen for her help contacting area churches for volunteers. A thank you as well is extended to Randy Portwood, John Keglovitz and the staff from the Waterford School District Buildings and Grounds for moving equipment and providing additional tools. And thank you to Mrs. Heather Halls, Waterford School District Board of Education member, for help with donations and volunteers.

Blessings in a Backpack - Sandburg Elementary welcomed a new program this fall called "Blessings in a Backpack" which provides weekend food for those students receiving free and reduced lunches. Blessings in a Backpack is a national program that was introduced at Sandburg through a collaborative effort of local community, school and church leaders. Members and friends of the steering committee have raised nearly \$20,000 to fund the program for the 2011-2012 school year. Volunteers pack food weekly and distribute to participating children on Fridays. Sandburg currently has over 90 interested volunteers.

Toy Drive to Benefit Tornado Victims - Last June, Matthew Ross, Waterford Village student and now a Mason Middle School student, collected gently used toys to deliver to the tornado victims in Ringgold, Georgia. Through a joint effort of students at Waterford Village and our Cub Scout troops, this summer, Matthew was able to deliver a large load of toys to these children. Congratulations to Matthew and all who contributed to this drive.

Student Trip to Farmer's Market - On September 29, Waterford Village students enjoyed a trip to the Farmer's Market as part of the Love Your Veggies Grant. Students in grades 1-5 visited the market - enjoying fresh produce, and learning how food gets from the farm to our tables. Some classes focused on farming education, while other classes used the visit as an opportunity for descriptive writing - and all classes increased in their understanding of food and nutrition.

Waterford United Girls' Swimming and Diving Team - October 1, Waterford United Girl's Swimming and Diving team shined at the Oakland County Championships. The Medley Relay (Katelyn Killewald, Katherine Kuhn, Maddie Wright, Sam Clemence) qualified for Division 1 state meet. Special congratulations to Maddie Wright, who became the Oakland County Champ in 200 Freestyle (1:50.26, pool and county record), and 100 butterfly (55.16, pool and county record), both Division 1 state times and they are currently the fastest in the State. Maddie was also named the Oakland County "Athlete of the Week."

Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program - Congratulations to Waterford Kettering student, Staicee Kvyiatkowski, for being named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts this program, will be presented to this scholastically talented senior. Staicee is one of approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Kettering High School - Academic Interventioists, Shelly Werthman and Mandy Rebtoy presented information on Kettering's ZAP (Zeros Aren't Permitted) Room. Based on the work of DuFour and PLC, the consequence for students not doing their homework is *doing* their homework. As such, 9th grade students that do not complete a homework assignment are assigned to the ZAP room under the supervision of Ms. Werthman and Ms. Rebtoy. They then work directly with the student based upon information provided by the classroom teacher to have the student complete their work. Students report to the ZAP room for the remainder of their lunch hour after eating lunch.

Michigan Standardized Tests - The State Board of Education has adopted new standards for the MEAP proficiency levels. Michael Batten, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction & Accountability, will update the Board of Education on the impact these changes will have on the Waterford School District.

Competitive Bid Threshold, FY 2012 - Section 632a, 1267, and 1274 of the Revised School Code establish a base above which competitive bids must be obtained and provide for an increase in the base that corresponds with increases in the Consumer Price Index. The 2010-2011 fiscal year base threshold was \$21,308. In accordance with the Revised School Code, as well as Waterford Board of Education policies, the fiscal year 2011-2012 base as it relates to construction, renovation, repairs or remodeling, in addition to the procurement of supplies, materials, and equipment, is \$21,825.

Vehicle Bids: Busses - The Administration is reviewing bids for the three-year lease of the following vehicles for use by the Transportation Department:

- One (1) each seventy-one (71) passenger school bus
- One (1) each fifty-four (54) passenger school bus
- Three (3) each fifty-four (54) passenger orthopedic lift school busses

A recommendation will be provided for your approval at the October 20, 2011 Board of Education meeting. Funding source: General Fund: Transportation Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

School Lunch Week - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming October 10-14, 2011 National School Lunch Week and encouraged Waterford residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a more healthful citizenry for today and the future.

School Bus Safety Week - The Board of Education approved a resolution proclaiming October 17-21, 2011 as National School Bus Safety Week and urges all Waterford drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations and encourages all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school busses.

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

Kevin Beers, Teacher
 Waterford Mott High School
 Increase from 100% to 110%
 First Semester Only, Tenured Contract
 Effective August 31, 2011

Nancy Haller, Teacher
Waterford Mott High School
Increase from 100% to 110%
First Semester Only, Tenured Contract
Effective August 31, 2011

Andrea Hunt, Teacher
Schoolcraft Elementary School
100% Probationary Contract
Effective September 21, 2011

JaNeil Wilder, Teacher
Knudsen Elementary School
Decreased from 75% to 50%
First Semester Only, Tenured Contract
Effective September 27, 2011

Reinstatement - The Board approved the recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee with regard to the decision on the reinstatement request for 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 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 above.

FUTURE

October 20, 2011

Information - Knudsen Elementary
Information - Adult Education
Information - External Audit Report
Information - Mentoring Program Grant
Action - Vehicle Bids: Busses

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.