

BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: SONNI HERGET, LAURIE HOFFMAN, NEAL ORMOND III, ALLAN RHEA, ANGIE SMITH, JIM TOYNTON, JONATHAN WOOD AND DANIEL FLAHERTY, STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

At the February 4, 2008 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: *The Board recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, Jewel, Hope Wall, Transportation, SCAC, West Aurora Paraprofessionals Association; Partnership School, Greenman.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: *The West Aurora Step Team was honored for winning 1st Place Championship in the DuPage Valley Conference and 1st Place at the IDTA Navy Pier Invitational Competition. Congratulations to Coach Judy Johnson and Steppers – Camille Bailey, Trieana DePratto, LaPree Guise, Sierra Henry, Ashle Jones, Jonelle Meeks, Laticia Moore, Shantell Passley, Printess Pryor, Ebony Russell and Mariah Smith. The Steppers performed one of their outstanding routines at the Board meeting.*

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED *the K-5 Science Materials. Board members thanked the Science Committee members for their hard work in preparing this recommendation.*

APPROVED *Security System at Transportation.*

APPROVED RESIGNATIONS OF *Christa Toohill, Speech/Language Pathologist; Angela Glynn, Reading Coach and Richard Ojeda, Security.*

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: *Diane Britton, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall; Jill Luckenbill, Paraprofessional @ Schneider; Rasonaja Price, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall, Elizabeth Keenan, Office Professional @ West; and Danette White, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall.*

APPROVED PART-TIME STATUS FOR *Diane Angelo and Nichole Roberts, Math teachers at West High.*

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided an update of the K-12 Gifted Curriculum. Cynthia reviewed the Gifted Program Development Plan, highlighting the Teaching and Learning portion which included needs assessment and information gathering, continuum of service and program design development, identification, staff development, program implementation, program monitoring, projects and supporting programs, program location and facilities, budget development and communication. She indicated that many people were involved in the plan development and thanked them publically for their work. Cynthia went on to review the K-12 Gifted Services Update, from Primary to High School. She highlighted the identification and delivery model, as well as showcasing many of the partnerships that have been developed, including one with Northwestern University – Project BLAST, IMSA E2K and NIU – Project WISE. Cynthia will be presenting additional information at the February 19 Board meeting.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

Erin Slater and Pete Kerl reviewed the proposed security system to be installed at Greenman School. Erin outlined the system that is being considered and highlighted some of the areas where cameras would be installed. It is hoped that the system will be in place at the end of March, beginning of April.

Lynn Head and Pete Kerl then discussed a proposed revision of the existing transportation schedule. Lynn highlighted changes in bus pick-ups and drop-offs and answered questions regarding the possible need for additional buses in order to make the route times easier and more efficient. More information will be coming to the Board in the future.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Board received a copy of a letter from Standard & Poor's regarding the Refunding Bonds and the District's A+ Credit Rating.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Board was reminded of the Fine Arts Festival, Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 – 3:00 at West High School.

CORRESPONDENCE

SPECIAL EVENTS

February 9, 2008

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

District-wide Fine Arts Festival

Board of Education Meeting