

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 March 3, 2008 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: *The Board recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, Partnership School, SCAC, Transportation, Fearn, Nicholson, Herget, West Aurora Paraprofessionals, Beacon News.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: *The Board of Education recognized Donald Yelm, 5th grader at Fearn who won the Herget Geography Contest and Hanna Enstrom, 8th grader at Herget who won the Herget Spelling Bee.*

Special recognition was given to James Wilson, bus driver, who, because of his quick actions on the bus, prevented a child from choking on a piece of candy. James was accompanied by family and a "bus load" of drivers from Transportation.

Special recognition was also given to Tim Wagner, reporter from the Beacon News, long time resident and graduate of West High School. Tim was thanked for "telling our story" through articles which appeared in the Beacon.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH MWM Consulting Group for Actuarial Services in the amount of \$2500.00.

APPROVED THE RESIGNATIONS OF: *James Schriber, Lincoln; Elliott Coffey, Jewel; Kristine Cross, Hope Wall; Kristin Dent, Hall; Keri Eberly, Goodwin; Heather Engelhart, Hall; Kim Fennewald, Nicholson; Julie Fritz, Smith; Lori Kuwik, West; Ann Marriner, Fearn; Robyn Ozelis, West; Karen Puscas, Hill; Catherine Rotello, West; Lauren Ruffle, Greenman; Melody Smith, Hall; Olivia Smith, West; Courtney Stevenson, Goodwin; Jaime Tazelaar, Fearn; Maura Tumpane, McCleery; Sonia Villarreal, Hope Wall; Pamela Mosier; Hope Wall.*

APPROVED THE RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING ON-REEMPLOYMENT OF *First, Second, Third Year Non-Tenured Teachers; the Non-Reemployment of Part-Time Non-Tenured Teachers; the Non-Reemployment of Educational Support Personnel.*

APPROVED THE 2007-08 RETIREMENTS OF: *Kate Bork, Herget; Rosemary Hagan, Hall/Nicholson; Judith Johnson, West; Carla Meister, Lincoln (effective 9/30/08).*

APPROVED 2008-09 RETIREMENTS OF: *Kathy DeTolve, Smith; Kathy France, Jewel; Jean Heffernan, West; Margaret Nickerson, Lincoln; Barb Phelps, Washington; Sharon Seals, Smith; Brock Seney, West; Debra White, McCleery and Deborah Wright, Smith.*

APPROVED THE 2009-10 RETIREMENTS OF: *SuBrennan McGuire, West; Debra Erickson, McCleery; Bill Fisher, Herget; Pat Godfrey, Freeman; Virginia Hoel, Jewel/District; Judy Moss, McCleery/District.*

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: *Michelle Bruss, Hope Wall; Elsie Ejsmekwu, Goodwin; Vickie Gregory, Transportation; Jeremy Keever, Hall.*

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided an update on the Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant. She indicated that nearly 2500 surveys were completed and returned. The grant is due March 14.

LuAnne Kelsey, Assistant Principal for West High; reviewed the textbooks to be recommended for adoption for the Advanced Placement Classes and also outlined the course offerings to be approved for Advance Placement classes.

LuAnne Kelsey also reviewed the 2007 West High School Improvement E-Plan.

Rocky May and Brett Burton presented the recommended changes to the District's discipline policies. They reviewed committee recommendations and presented rationale for the recommended changes.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

The Board received information on the carpeting bids for West High's Band Room and Orchestra Room.

Pat Callahan and Craig Meadows presented information relative to the Freeman School ventilation and drainage problems and ways that these problems can be corrected. Bids have been received and approval for the work to be done will be given at the March 17 meeting.

The architects also presented the most recent Plan of Work and Executive Summary.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Budget Timeline for FY09 was given to the Board. The Board will be receiving updates on the budget preparation process at each meeting.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The community has received the latest Vision 129 Progress Report and positive comments have been received about the content of this newsletter. The Vision 129 Progress Report is also on the district's website.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received an e-mail thank you from Carl Franco for being honored at the February 19 Board meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 17, 2008	6:00	Board of Education Meeting
March 21-28, 2008		Spring Break
April 7, 2008	6:00	Board of Education Meeting