

Board of Education Highlights

January 14, 2004 – Bower Elementary School

Superintendent Gary T. Catalani announced that Board Members and members of his Administrative Cabinet will be hosting a breakfast on February 23 for elected state representatives who serve District 200 to discuss issues related to state funding for public education and the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Hubble Middle School

The Board continued its discussion on the options for Hubble Middle School, reaching informal consensus on the one that calls for selling the Hubble property and building a new middle school on another site. The Board anticipates formalizing its decision on January 28. At that time, the Board will authorize the creation of Citizens Task Force to recommend how the option should be implemented. Members of the community interested in serving on the task force should contact the District at 630/682-2000.

The Board took the following action:

- Approved bids for the purchase of equipment that will permit the reconstruction of the central utility systems at Wheaton Warrenville South High School and the installation of chilling equipment for the new construction at Wheaton North High School. The equipment needs to be ordered now so that it is available this summer when construction begins on the additions at the high schools. The bids for this equipment came in under budget.
- Extended the lease for a small house that accommodates the Special Education Transition Program, which services students 18 to 21 years old and assists them in developing skills that help them transition into adult housing, groups homes or the workplace. This program is required by state and federal laws.
- Authorized the administration to begin preparations for the 2004-05 budget.
- Approved the amended Behavioral Intervention Policy, which outlines the use of behavioral interventions for students with disabilities according to the requirements of the law. The policy was posted for review in November.
- Posted for public review and comment revisions in Policy 4.160, Hazardous and Infectious Materials, that reflect the development of procedures by the District's Indoor Environmental Committee to help ensure a quality environment in the schools. The procedures are contained in an Administrative Regulation that accompanies the policy.
- Posted for public review revisions and updates in a series of policies in Section 5, Personnel, of the District's policy manual.

Comments on the posted policies will be received in the School Service Center until Thursday, February 19. The policies may be reviewed on the District's web page at www.cusd200.org or in each school's office beginning Tuesday, January 20.

Next Meeting:
January 28 at Lowell Elementary School