

# Board of Education Highlights

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January 25, 2006 – Wiesbrook Elementary School

## **Superintendent's Report**

Expansion Management Magazine has once again given District 200 a gold medal, its highest ranking of school districts that offer high school programs. The ranking is based on college entrance exam scores, graduation rates, the community's financial commitment to public education, and the education and income levels of the community's adult population. District 200 is one of five Illinois districts to earn the gold ranking out of 20 included in the study. Its overall ranking is at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, placing it and other gold ranked districts among the top 16 percent in the study, which included 36 million students

Ken Helberg, teacher and coach at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, was recently inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Ken joined his father, Ron Helberg, as a Hall of Fame inductee. The Helbergs are only the second father and son to be inducted into the Hall of Fame since its formation in 1977.

## **The Board took the following action:**

- Cancelled the February 22 Open Session Board of Education meeting. The Board will meet in Closed Session to discuss the superintendent search process.
- Approved a limited summer school program that will be funded by the fees charged for the classes. The courses will include one and two-week special interest classes, called mini-courses, band and orchestra instruction, and the middle school unified arts class. High School students may enroll at the College of DuPage to take academic courses that help them meet graduation requirements. In addition, the District is partnering with the College of DuPage to offer kindergarten through eighth grade students learning English the opportunity to take math, science and technology-based enrichment courses.
- Approved the purchase of a skid steer, which can do field maintenance, landscaping and snow removal, and also serve as a forklift for deliveries. The equipment will primarily be used at the District's two high schools.
- Approved the purchase of a laser sign engraver to make signs for the District's schools, including the new classrooms and offices in the two high schools.
- Approved an agreement with Therapy Care Ltd. to provide speech therapy services. These services are being contracted for due to a shortage of qualified applicants for a District position.
- Approved seven and eighth grade social studies textbooks to support the newly revised and adopted social studies curriculum.
- Deferred until the February 8 Board Meeting action to adopt a new vision and mission statement.

## **Next Meeting:**

February 8 at Washington Elementary School