

# Board Highlights

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October 25, 2006

## **Recognitions:**

The 18 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists from the two high schools were recognized by the Board of Education. The semifinalists represent the top 1 percent of students who took the qualifying test last year.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

- Edison Middle School is the first middle school in the state to receive the Blue Ribbon award for its health program from the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance. The school was notified of the award last week and will be honored at the group's annual meeting in November. Edison was announced as an award winner after a team visited the school to assess the health program against a long list of criteria and standards. Congratulations to Edison and to health education teacher Cheryl Martines.
- Another honor went to the Edison community recently when Principal David Kanne earned second runner-up status in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Administrator of the Year competition, sponsored by Greenwood Publishing Group and School Library Journal. With the honor comes \$2,000 in prize money that will be used to promote reading and support library programs.
- One of the Board of Education's high priority goals for this year is the formation of a Citizen's Finance Committee, which will be charged with recommending a long-term financial plan based, in part, on what residents said they want and value in their public schools. We are now seeking volunteers to serve on that committee and invite anyone interested to contact Bill Farley, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations. The committee will begin meeting in the next month or so.

## **Hubble Update**

Dr. Catalani gave an update on the Hubble issue, detailing the history of discussions and recommending three actions:

- Hire an attorney to represent the District on environmental issues related to the proposed site of a new middle school on Herrick Road. (The Board later approved the appointment of Jenner & Block for this purpose.)
- Hire an independent environmental firm to conduct a risk assessment of the proposed site based on its proximity to the BP Naperville Campus. (The District is interviewing potential firms for this activity.)
- Request that McNaughton Builders, owner of the proposed site, seek an NFR (No Further Remediation) letter from the Illinois EPA under its Site Remediation Program. (The owner has agreed to this study.)

See attached press release for more information.

**The Board took the following action:**

- Posted for public review revised curriculum for the seventh and eighth grade consumer science courses.
- Changed the location of two Board Meetings. The December 13, 2006 meeting is moved to Pleasant Hill Elementary School. The May 9, 2007 meeting is moved to Longfellow Elementary School.
- Accepted the 2005-06 audit report from Tim Cole with Virchow Krause & Company.
- Retained the services of Jenner & Block LLP as legal advisor to the Board and Superintendent regarding environmental issues related to the Herrick Road property under consideration as the site of a new middle school.

**Next Meeting:**

November 8 at Hawthorne Elementary School