

Board of Education Highlights

October 26, 2005 – Hawthorne Elementary School

NOTE: The Board of Education is now using electronic board books to review materials before the meeting and to conduct business during the meeting. The same materials used by the Board are available for online review by the public several days before each meeting. Previous meeting agendas and support documents are also archived for review beginning with the October 12 Board Meeting. Go to www.cusd200.org, click on the Board of Education drop down menu, and select Electronic Board Book. A calendar on the right side of the page gives the viewer options of which meeting to select.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Catalani summarized the work of the District's Safety and Security Task Force, noting that its work has been recognized at the local, state and national levels. Although the task force has sponsored many initiatives to improve the safety and security of the schools, it is particularly recognized for the relationship that exists between the schools and local emergency officials as well as its training videos, which help teachers and staff respond to various emergency situations. District 200 also may be the only school district to have a link to emergency officials through its hand-held radio system, which has channels that enable school and emergency officials to make direct contact with each other. Dr. Catalani recognized the work of the task force and its chair Dr. Lori Belha.

The Board took the following action:

Posted for public review the new and revised curriculum for the following high school courses: Drivers Education, Junior/Senior Physical Education Courses and Oral Interpretation. The curriculum will be posted on the District's web page at www.cusd200.org with the opportunity for reviewers to provide feedback on line.

Posted a new policy 6.15, School Accountability, to comply with state and federal laws related to the No Child Left Behind Act. The requirement specifically calls for schools to have policies in place to offer 'school choice' if the school is required to do so by the law. This policy will also be posted on the web site.

Appointed Board Member Ken Knicker to serve as a delegate to the Illinois Association of School Board's annual conference in Chicago and to act on the Board's behalf when resolutions are presented for action.

Next Meeting:

November 9 at Franklin Middle School