

Board of Education Highlights

November 10, 2004 -- Wiesbrook Elementary School

Recognitions:

The Board adopted a resolution proclaiming November 14-20 as American Education Week and recognizing all District 200 staff and community members who support the education of our students. (A copy of the resolution is attached.)

Dr. James Langlas, English Department Chair at Wheaton North High School, is a recipient of the 2004 Studs Terkel Humanities Award based on his efforts to help organize the Community Poetry Celebration last spring. The award honors community volunteers who help others recognize the importance of the humanities in our lives.

Vicky Hollister, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Hubble Middle School, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Council for the Social Studies. The award recognizes Mrs. Hollister's role in promoting social studies education in Illinois through her teaching and workshop presentations and participation in state curriculum writing projects.

The Board took the following action:

- Agreed to contribute an additional \$90,000 to the Monroe Overpass project provided that final bids on the project do not exceed \$2,540,300 and that the other partners share equally in the projected shortfall. The District has previously committed about \$102,000 to the project, the majority of which is being funded through state and national grants.
- Approved a resolution to join the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) to provide property, casualty and liability insurance for the District. This action saves the District more than \$46,000 over the previous coverage.
- Approved an agreement with Canon Copiers to replace 11 of the 15 copiers currently leased with newer and faster machines. Canon would buy out the lease on the other four machines, which would remain in service.
- Approved the appointment of Lisa Maher as Assistant Business Manager. Ms. Maher will be full time through June 30, 2005 and half-time thereafter.
- Accepted gifts from 13 of 18 District 200 PTA's totaling more than \$103,000.