

Board of Education Highlights

November 8, 2006 – Hawthorne Elementary School

The Board recognized local businessman Jim Beutjer and members of the District 200 Technology Department for their role in clearing out water from the lower level of the School Service Center and restoring technology to all schools after water damaged network systems and servers during the Oct. 2 heavy rainstorm.

Superintendent's Report

- Once again, all District 200 schools will be observing Veteran's Day with a variety of activities and visits from local veterans. We appreciate the help of local veteran's organizations in providing speakers and support for the recognitions in each school. A list of school by school activities is posted on the District web page. Thanks to Lisa Kimball, Joe Kish and their committee for helping to organize this recognition of those who have served or are serving in our countries Armed Forces.
- Pleasant Hill Principal Mark Kohlmann, Curriculum Leader Ann Piccione, and Margo Sorrick, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, are in Washington, D.C. this week to receive the Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education. The award, given to 15 Illinois schools and 250 nationwide, recognizes the school's high scores on state tests and its incremental improvement over the past three years. In addition to receiving the award, our representatives were asked to present to other winners on the topic, "The Impact of an On-Site Curriculum Specialist on Student Achievement." Congratulations to Pleasant Hill School, its teachers and staff, and the students, and parents.
- Information packets for those interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education are now available in the Business Office. Three seats on the seven-member board will be filled in the April 17 election. Those interested in seeking election to the Board must file nominating petitions between January 29 and February 5.
- American Education Week will be celebrated throughout the country next week and here in District 200 using the theme, "Great Public Schools; A Basic Right and our Responsibility." A special thank you to all of our communities and families for the support they give to our schools.

Hubble Update

The Board of Education authorized Boelter & Yates, an engineering and scientific firm, to conduct a risk assessment of the proposed site of a new Hubble Middle School as it relates to the property's proximity to the BP Naperville Campus. The action follows up on the Board's October 25 announcement that it has initiated plans that will put to rest any concerns residents may have about the safety of the 18-acre site and its proximity to the BP Naperville campus. The Boelter and Yates study will include an inventory of the hazards associated with the site and a scientific assessment of the risks they represent.

They will then conduct a comparative risk assessment using real and hypothetical hazards. The firm will complete its work and submit a written report to the District by the end of December for a cost not to exceed \$25,000. (See attached press release for more information.)

Levy Public Hearing

A public hearing on the proposed 2006 tax levy was held. Only one member of the community spoke on the proposed levy. The District is seeking a 15.1 percent increase in order to access all available tax revenues to support the educational program. It knows, however, that the increase will be substantially less because in the last ten years actual increases have ranged between 2.73 percent and 4.56 percent. The Board will act on the proposed levy at the December 13 meeting.

The Board took the following action:

- Posted the proposed 2007-08 school calendar for public review. Comments on the proposed calendar may be directed to communications@cusd200.org before December 5. The proposed calendar is attached for your review.
- Adopted a new District 200 logo. The logo supports the District's new vision and mission statements and was created by District 200 parent and resident Kevin Meyer in conjunction with other community and staff who volunteered their time to help develop plans for making the statements meaningful for all stakeholders. Watch for the new logo to begin appearing on various District 200 communications, web pages, and other items.
- Approved an amendment to the contract for out-of-district special education transportation to bring the contract in line with the bid specifications.
- Approved a contract with Reputation Partners to assist the part-time communications department with communication projects.

Next Meeting:

December 13 at Pleasant Hill Elementary School

Community Unit School District 200

Proposed

2007-08 Student Calendar

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JULY

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30 31

No Student Attendance Days

AUGUST

1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18
19 I 21 22 23 24 25
26 27 28 29 30 31

9 Student Attendance Days

SEPTEMBER

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8
9 10 11 12 13 14 15
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23 24 25 26 27 28 29
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19 Student Attendance Days

OCTOBER

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22 Student Attendance Days

NOVEMBER

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18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30

17 Student Attendance Days

DECEMBER

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16 17 18 19 20 21 22
23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31

15 Student Attendance Days

Important Calendar Dates

August 20

Institute Day, No School, All Grades

August 21

First Day of School for Grades 1-12,
AM Attendance Only

August 22

First Day of School for Preschool &
Kindergarten, Regular Schedule All Grades

September 3

Labor Day, No School

September 21

Inservice Day, AM Attendance Only for AM
Preschool, AM Kindergarten & Grades 1-12

October 8

Columbus Day, No School

October 26

Inservice Day, AM Attendance Only for PM
Preschool, PM Kindergarten & Grades 1-12

November 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23

Thanksgiving Recess, No School

December 24 – Jan. 4

Winter Break, No School

January 21

Martin Luther King Day, No School

January 22

Teacher Work Day, No School

February 1

Inservice Day, AM Attendance Only for AM
Preschool, AM Kindergarten & Grades 1-12

February 18

President's Day, No School

February 29

Institute Day, No School, All Grades

March 21

Non-Attendance Day, No School

March 31—April 4

Spring Break, No School

April 25

Inservice Day, AM Attendance Only for PM
Pre-School, PM Kindergarten & Grades 1-12

May 26

Memorial Day, No School

June 2

Last Day of School, Preschool and
Kindergarten

June 3

Last Day of School, Grades 1-12, AM only

June 4, 5, 6, 9, & 10

Emergency Days

Quarters	Elementary Report Card Distribution
1 st Quarter, 47 days Aug. 21– Oct. 26	November 2
2 nd Quarter, 45 days Oct. 29– Jan. 18	January 25
3 rd Quarter, 40 days Jan. 23 – March 20	March 28
4 th Quarter, 46 days March 24– June 3	June 3
Middle School report cards are mailed after each quarter; High School report cards are mailed after second and fourth quarters.	

Legend	
I	Institute Day, no school
i	Inservice Day, ½ day school
⊗	Emergency Day, no school unless makeup days are needed

S M T W T F S

JANUARY

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27 28 29 30 31

17 Student Attendance Days

FEBRUARY

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19 Student Attendance Days

MARCH

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30 31

19 Student Attendance Days

APRIL

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18 Student Attendance Days

MAY

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21 Student Attendance Days

JUNE

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22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30

2 Student Attendance Days

Press Release

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November 8, 2006

Board Authorizes Risk Assessment on Proposed School Site

The Board of Education authorized Boelter & Yates, a Park Ridge engineering and scientific firm, to conduct a risk assessment of the proposed site of a new Hubble Middle School as it relates to the property's proximity to the BP Naperville Campus. The action follows the Board's October 25 announcement that it has initiated plans that will put to rest concerns residents may have about the safety of the 18-acre site and its location north of BP on Herrick Road. The Boelter and Yates study will include an inventory of the hazards associated with the site and a scientific assessment of the risks they represent. They will then conduct a comparative risk assessment using real and hypothetical hazards. The firm will complete its work and submit a written report to the District by the end of December for a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Meanwhile, James McNaughton Builders, owner of the 18-acre site, is preparing to file a request with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to enter its Site Remediation Program and secure a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter indicating the property is essentially free of environmental contaminants. This process is normally used by land owners to get a clean bill of health for property that has been remediated after previous testing showed significant contamination. While that is not the case for this property, it is believed that a ruling by the IEPA will allay concerns that a few residents have raised regarding the recent testing at the proposed school site. Two environmental firms tested the property in late summer and reported the District should not be deterred from building a school on the site due to environmental concerns. They, in fact, called the property 'pristine'.

The District has also hired environmental attorney, James A. Vroman of the Chicago law firm Jenner & Block to advise and assist the District on environmental issues related to the relocation of the school.

The Boelter and Yates study will include an examination of the following broad categories of hazards: surrounding properties, radiation safety, air contaminants release scenarios, wind rose analysis, chemical management, accident management, transportation, traffic patterns, railroad proximity, site specific, analysis of existing Phase I and II reports, community emergency response capabilities, zoning, well water, and radon.

After analyzing the above hazards, Boelter and Yates will conduct a comparative risk assessment by substituting familiar hypothetical hazards for the existing, but largely unfamiliar, hazards on or near the site. This type of study puts in perspective unfamiliar hazards identified to be in proximity to the proposed school site.

“This type of study gives the Board of Education the information and data needed to consider actual and perceived risks when making a decision about locating a school on the site in question,” Mr. Vroman told the Board Wednesday.