

# Board of Education Highlights

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February 14, 2007—Hubble Middle School

## **Superintendent's Report**

- The Wheaton Chamber's Education Committee hosted a Career Day for District 200 middle school students on February 9 at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Over 230 students from three district middle schools and Wheaton Christian Grammar School had the opportunity to talk with many local Wheaton business representatives to broaden their awareness of the myriad of careers available to them when they complete their education. Thank you to the Wheaton Chamber for this successful partnership activity.
- The seventh grade Future Cities team from Hubble Middle School won the Chicago Regional Future Cities Competition held on Saturday, January 27 at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle campus. It is one of 33 middle schools from across the country selected to compete in the National Future Cities Competition during National Engineers Week, February 21-23 in Washington, D.C.
- The Varsity Flying Tigers Special Olympics basketball team comprised of athletes from both Wheaton Warrenville South and Wheaton North High Schools, won the Division 3 Special Olympics Basketball Championship Tournament on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Vernon Hills High School. They will advance to State finals at Illinois State University, Bloomington, the weekend of March 17.
- Kendall Ciesemier, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Franklin Middle School, was named one of Illinois' top two youth volunteers for 2007 by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She will be honored in Washington D.C. in the spring.

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

- Approved a contract with Dr. Richard Drury to become the next District 200 superintendent. Dr. Drury, the current superintendent in the Muskego-Norway School District in suburban Milwaukee, will succeed Dr. Gary Catalani who is retiring at the end of June. Please see the attached press release for more information.
- Approved an agreement with Herrick LLC (James McNaughton Builders) to purchase an 18.6 acre site on Herrick Road for the construction of a new middle school. The execution of the contract is contingent on three things: 1) a successful referendum authorizing money to purchase the land, 2) a NFR letter from the Illinois EPA indicating the property is environmentally suitable for a school site, and 3) a positive report from a risk assessment conducted on the property based on its proximity to the BP Naperville Campus. Please see the attached press release for more information.
- Approved a contract with Justified Technology not to exceed \$28,000 to assess immediate and future needs of the network infrastructure, support processes, and areas in need of improvement.

- Approved the restructuring of the ELL program to give most students in the program the opportunity to receive services at their home school. The recommendations for change were an outgrowth of a program review conducted as part of the Curriculum Development Cycle. The program summary and recommendations may be accessed on the District's web site at [http://www.cusd200.org/programs/draft\\_curriculum.htm](http://www.cusd200.org/programs/draft_curriculum.htm).
- Approved the summer school program recommendations, which include courses for elementary and middle school students. Special interest mini courses, band, computer literacy, and applied science and technology will be offered on a self-supporting basis. High school students may take summer courses through the College of DuPage.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing staff to begin preparations on the 2007-08 budget.
- Approved the ten-year Life Safety Surveys on district buildings as required by the Illinois School Code. These surveys assess whether buildings are compliant with the applicable codes at the time they were constructed or after major renovations. All but two schools—Hubble and Jefferson—are in total compliance. Staff expects to address the remaining needs at these schools as funds are made available.
- Renewed the lease on the Transition House, a single family home serving the needs of special education students between the ages of 19 and 21. Instruction focuses on teaching life skill in the home and community.
- Approved the proposed middle school technology curriculum which will now include 6th grade Computer Literacy, 7th grade Technology Exploration, and 8th grade Middle School Information Technology.
- Posted for public review the following new or revised policies. The policies may be reviewed on the District's web site at [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org) or in the electronic board book at <http://66.23.136.30/>.
  - 4.80, Accountability and Audits
  - 7.60, Resident Students
  - 6.140, Education of Homeless Children
  - 6.145, Migrant Students
  - 6.170, Title I Programs
  - 6.240, Student Trips/Travel
  - 6.310, Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs
  - 6.235, Access to Technology
  - 7.310, Publications
  - 7.340, Student Records
- Rescheduled the April 11 meeting to April 4.
- Approved the transfer of Mark Kohlmann to Principal of Bower Elementary School. Mr. Kohlmann is currently principal of Pleasant Hill Elementary School.

**Next Meeting:**

February 28, 2007 at Johnson Elementary School