

Board of Education Highlights

January 9, 2008 - Madison Elementary School

Recognitions & Achievements:

South High School Student Report

Nick Novosad, the student representative from Wheaton Warrenville High School, reported that South students collected over 8000 items for needy families before the winter break. These items were donated to Humanity Service Project and The Peoples Resource Center. The League of Women Voters was at South on Tuesday, Jan. 8, to register eligible seniors to vote in the upcoming primary election that will be held on Feb. 5. This was the largest group of students ever registered and 20 students were selected to be election judges.

Mrs. Swanson recognized Dr. Lori Belha, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, for an article she authored entitled, "How One District Can Effect Change", which was published in the Winter 2007 edition of *The Journal of School Safety*. The article highlights the work of the District 200 Safety Task Force in leading the way in establishing school and district safety procedures and for receiving national recognition for their efforts.

Mrs. Swanson also recognized Dr. Robert Rammer for the article he authored entitled, "A Call to Action for Superintendents: Change the Way You Hire Principals", published in the November/December 2007 edition of *The Journal of Educational Research*. His article urges superintendents to select school principals with qualities that will help improve student achievement.

Superintendent's Report

Christmas Sharing

Dr. Drury recognized Mr. Bob Donish for all his work with the Christmas Sharing project that served over 700 families this year. Mr. Donish had taken Dr. Drury on a tour of several distribution centers, and he was very impressed with this wonderful program that helps people in need. Christmas Sharing is supported by District 200 students and staff that help identify needy families and provide supplies and materials.

Warrenville City Council

Dr. Drury read a letter from Mr. John Coakley, Warrenville City Administrator. The letter indicated that the Warrenville City Council passed a resolution encouraging the District to construct a new middle school on the property at Galusha and Herrick Roads.

Belief Statement:

Dr. Drury highlighted another one of District 200's belief statements: *Well maintained facilities support the instructional program and promote student learning*. Dr. Drury

asked Bill Farley, Assistant Superintendent for Business, to speak about the belief statement. Mr. Farley described the wide range of programs and initiatives that contribute to the quality of the District's facilities. He outlined and congratulated the District's facilities staff who works tirelessly to keep the buildings clean and safe for students and staff.

Appointments

Mrs. Coghill volunteered and the Board of Education approved her to be the School Board's representative for the Wheaton Sesquicentennial Year of Celebration committee.

The Board took the following action:

Approved an application for a waiver of the Illinois Code to modify the fee that can be charged for driver's education. This waiver request would allow the District to maintain the current fee of \$250 and thereby continue to meet the driver education mandate in a more cost efficient manner.

Approved interfund loans to the District's Education Fund, Transportation Fund and Building Fund from the Working Cash Fund to relieve cash shortfalls.

Next Meeting:

January 23, 2008 at Whittier Elementary School