

# Board of Education Highlights

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May 28, 2008 - Lowell Elementary School

## **Recognitions & Achievements**

Dr. Drury and Mary Ann Uhen, president of the Wheaton Warrenville PTA Council, recognized this year's Superintendent Art Award recipients. The students' work will be hung in the District's School Service Center for two years. This year's award winners are: Michaela Logan, Emma Koropp, Andy Lewaniak, Katie Ackerman and Samantha Yeider.

Assistant Superintendent for Special Services, Linda Knicker, recognized some of this year's Special Olympics track and field student athletes. This program started four years ago with nine students and has grown to over 200 students this year. District 200 has nine students this year that will compete in the State Special Olympics Track and Field Meet. Mrs. Knicker also recognized the coaches who started this program, Elissa Schwass and Jackie Skewes. These educators have done an exceptional job developing this program and providing wonderful opportunities for these students.

Paul Labelle and Mark Bridges, from the New 200 Foundation, recognized the Outstanding Teachers of the year. The New 200 Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to funding new programs and initiatives on the part of teachers and students in District 200. Last year they raised \$100,000 on behalf of students. Outstanding teachers this year are: Judy Roberts from Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Todd Harper from Edison Middle School, and Robert Harvey from Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

## **Superintendents Report**

Mary Ann Uhen and Kathy Gorzak from the Wheaton Warrenville PTA Council presented a report about their concerns with having election polling sites housed in District 200 schools while students are present. Given the access necessary during an election day, many of the District's safety protocols and procedures are compromised with the influx of voters. Their goal is to maintain student safety. They are pursuing options to have polling sites located at non-school facilities, tightening security procedures to isolate students from voters where possible, or having the District establish election days as non-attendance days for students. Ms. Gorzak is working with the election commission to find a solution to this issue.

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

Approved a request to secure building permits for field work at Wheaton Warrenville South High School and for parking lot renovations at Bower Elementary School.

Approved the purchase of twelve photography workstations for the high schools to support course work. Cost of the workstations will be covered by a career grant.

Approved funding for a Scantron Performance Series pilot program to be used to screen students for various district programs such as P.A.C.E., Reading Support, and Title I Math.

Approved a one-year extension of the contract with Sodexo for the management of district food services for the 2008-09 school year. The Board will receive information regarding price structures for the next school year at the June 11 meeting.

Approved to enter in to a contract with Energy Education, Inc. to provide an energy management program which is designed specifically for school districts. The program will assist the district with energy management and reduction which in turn will provide cost savings and an environmental benefit.

**Next Meeting:**

June 11, 2008 at the School Service Center