

Board of Education Highlights

September 10, 2008 - School Service Center

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the District's intention to request modification to State Code to allow students to attend school in District 200 on Veteran's Day. The hearing is part of the process required by the State in seeking such a modification. District 200 has held school on Veteran's Day for many years and has celebrated Veterans and their service throughout the District. This modification of the Code would be for five years.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Drury encouraged people to go to the District's Website, www.cusd200.org, and view a speech presented by 2008 WWSHS graduate, Mark Schmidt, entitled, "A Graduate's Perspective". Mark addressed new teachers joining District 200 this year at their induction session. His comments reflect his experiences as a student in District 200 and underscore the impact that teachers have on the students they serve. This is a powerful message that everyone should hear.

Staff and students from host school, Sandburg Elementary, shared with the Board their work with technology. They demonstrated the use of "remote clickers", a new technology device that allows students to respond to teacher posed questions through the use of an electronic, wireless key pad. The device records answers to questions and instantly gives feedback to the students and teacher. This technology allows teachers to immediately see how many students have answered the questions, which questions were answered correctly and informs the teacher what concepts have been mastered and what topics may need more instruction. The Board members took part in a simulation of the "clickers" with help from Sandburg students. Presenting this new instructional tool for the Board were Sandburg fifth grade teachers, Margo Brown, Ben Huggins, and LLC Director Kristin Northrup.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the list of Serious Safety Hazard studies that have been filed with the Illinois Department of Transportation. There is one addition to the list which otherwise remains the same as last year.

Next Meeting:

September 24, 2008 at Wiesbrook Elementary School