

Board of Education Highlights

May 13, 2009 - Hawthorne Elementary School

Recognitions & Achievements:

Fifty-eight employees were recognized for years of service with District 200. Seven of these employees have been with the District for 25 years; the remaining were honored for 15 years.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Drury reminded the Board and the community about the Farewell to Hubble event this Saturday, May 16, at the current Hubble Middle School. (see attached flyer)

The building will be open for tours from 8 to 4 (representing the 84 years of service to the community). There will be artifacts and yearbooks for people to view and apparel for sale.

At 9:30, in the large auditorium, there will be a short program addressing United Communities. Mr. Andy Johnson, Mayor Dave Brummel, and Grant Eckhoff, a graduate of Wheaton Central High School, will share some perspectives about the contributions the building has made to our communities as well as what the future may hold for the new Hubble when it opens in Warrenville this fall. The Monroe Gym plaque will be presented to the Center for History in Wheaton as part of the building's heritage.

We hope that you all will be able to attend.

The Board took the following action:

Approved to post for a thirty-day public review the math curriculum for grades 6-8 as well as several math textbooks.

Approved a 3-year contract with First Student for all in-district transportation services for regular and special education students. In consideration for the concerns raised by some parents concerning the potential change in carrier for special needs student transportation, the Board is including a provision of stringent review of performance of First Student with respect to the special needs student transportation portion of the contract. Should First Student not satisfy the standards established for them, the District would be able to re-bid that portion of the contract. A 3-year contract was also awarded to Septran, Inc. for all out-of-district transportation for Special Education students. The estimated cost for both contracts is \$7,000,000.

Written Report:

An informational report was given to the Board presenting the background and future curriculum changes pertaining to fast-paced science courses. The implementation of this

change will begin in the 2009-10 school year with high school A Level Biology being offered as the fast-paced course for eighth grade.

Discussion Item

The Board has held six Chance to Chat sessions over the past school year to allow the community to meet informally with Board members on Saturday mornings to discuss school district issues. There was consensus to continue the sessions for next year with some modifications. The Board will discuss the structure and schedule for these chats at a future meeting.

Next Meeting:

May 27 – School Service Center. This will be a work session for the Board to develop their high priority goals for 2009-10.