

Board of Education Highlights

July 8, 2009 - School Service Center

Superintendent's Report

The New Hubble Middle School construction is on time and on budget. Keys for the project will be turned over to the District in roughly two weeks. The Open House for the new building will be Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 2:00 pm. The Open House will include a short program presentation and tours of the new facility.

The District is exploring options for maintaining the current Hubble building until it is sold. The desire is to continue use of the gyms for the Parks and Recreation Department during the development stage of the parcel.

Dr. Drury announced that the District recently received word that all of its K-8 schools met Annual Yearly Progress on the state standardized achievement tests for this past year. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Margo Sorrick, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Ms. Julie Oziemkowski, Director of School Improvement, students, and teachers, the District met the increase standard of achievement set for last year. As part of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, these standards of achievement increase each year until 2014 when the law requires that 100% of all students meet or exceed state achievement goals.

As a preface of a report the Board will receive in September, Dr. Drury informed the Board that the Energy Educator program adopted last year has proven to be very successful to date. In the first quarter of operations, the Energy Educator program, under the direction of Colin Wilkie and with the help of District staff, have saved over \$390,000 in cost avoidance. This indicates that the District is on track to save approximately \$1 million in energy for the coming year.

The Board took the following action:

Approved to post for 30-day public review and comment the following District policies:

- 7.20 Harassment, Hazing, Bullying, Cyberbullying
- 2.40 Board of Education, Student Representative

Approved to post the mathematics curriculum for kindergarten through grade 5.

Approved to post the middle school drama curriculum and supporting drama textbook.

Approved to seek a waiver for driver's education allowing up to three hours of simulator instruction to count towards the required six hours of behind the wheel training. If the waiver is granted, this modification would begin for the 2010-11 school year.

Approved the mathematics curriculum and supporting materials for grades 6-8 as previously posted.

Next Meeting:

August 12 – School Service Center.