

Board of Education Highlights

April 15, 2009 - Bower Elementary School

Recognitions & Achievements:

Mr. Kohlmann and the staff of Bower Elementary School were recognized for the dedication, creativity, patience, hard work, and focus on students they displayed in the aftermath of the "Bower Flood". The repairs are nearly complete. The "Bower Swim Team" (most often referred to as the faculty and staff) as they called themselves in the days and weeks after the flood, were able to maintain student learning opportunities amidst very challenging circumstances. Pam Nielson from the Bower PTA, presented Mr. Kohlmann and the staff with a framed picture of the "Bower Swim Team" to commemorate the event and successful return to the renovated portion of the building.

The Board took the following action:

Set the last day of school as June 5, 2009. The District will make up the three days that buildings were closed due to either snow or extreme cold temperatures. Failure to make up those days would result in a penalty of more than \$50,000 a day. The last full day of classes will be June 4 and June 5 will be the traditional early release day.

Approved to post for a thirty-day public review several textbooks for the Algebra 2, Junior Gifted Seminar and CAD curriculums.

Authorized the issuance of bonds for cash flow purposes in the amount of \$20 million. This action was recommended by the District's Finance Committee as part of the plan to establish financial stability for the District. In addition, the Board authorized the interfund transfer of funds from the District's Working Cash Fund to the Education, Building, and Transportation Funds.

Written Report:

An informational report outlining the 2009 Summer School program was presented. Credit classes for high school students will again be offered through the College of DuPage. Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South High Schools will both offer Driver Education.

The Summer Band program will not be offered this summer due to budgetary restraints.

A reading Book Bag program for at-risk low income readers has been developed and will be offered. The program aims to minimize the loss of reading skills in identified students in grades three, four and five over the summer months.

Next Meeting:

May 13 – Hawthorne Elementary School