

# Board of Education Highlights

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August 12, 2009 - School Service Center

## **Recognitions & Achievements**

Dr. Drury introduced members of the Wheaton Warrenville South High School Boys Volleyball Team who were the 2009 Illinois State Champions for the third straight year. Coach Bill Schreier introduced members of his team. The WWSHS Boys Volleyball Teams have won the State title six of the last nine years; quite an accomplishment.

## **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Drury reported that he visited the sixth grade registration at the New Hubble Middle School on Wednesday, August 12 and the school looked wonderful. Students and parents were very impressed with the new facility. He also announced the **New Hubble Middle School Open House for the public scheduled for Sunday, September 13, from 2:00 to 4:00**. There will be a short presentation in the school's auditorium at 2:00 and opportunities of members of the community to tour the building.

The Extended Special Education Summer School programs serviced 105 students from first grade to 21 years of age at Bower Elementary School this summer under the supervision of Special Education Director Scott Radford. These programs are provided for special education students who qualify under State guidelines as needing additional support based on a regression/recoupment formula. The programs included the continuation of individual goals and related services as well as many outstanding activities that were designed to be educational and fun. The Wheaton and Warrenville Fire Departments conducted safety demonstrations. Educational programs from the Brookfield Zoo, as well as an exciting theme based curriculum, allowed students to maintain skills while having a summer school experience that enhanced social skills and learning simultaneously. Speech therapists and occupational therapists designed exciting play based lessons to continue language development and motor skill strength. Comments of students summed up their evaluation of the summer program. "It went too fast." "Does it have to be over?" "I can't wait until next summer."

Assistant Superintendent Linda Knicker and Parent Mentor Deb Durrbeck, were keynote speakers at the State of Illinois Special Education Directors Conference in Peoria last week. Their presentation entitled, "Developing and Maintaining Positive and Effective Relationships with Parents and Parent Groups" was one of the key presentations of the conference. Ms. Knicker and Ms. Durrbeck have been asked to speak at several surrounding districts to share this information. Ms. Knicker also presented a session on "Special Olympics – Expanding Opportunities for all Students".

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

Approved to post the curriculum for Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Music and the curriculum for Visual Arts for grades 1 through 8. These curricula will be posted for 30 days for public review and comment.

Approved for implementation during the 2009-10 school year a newly designed LLC Program. The new program is the result of a district committee review process and uses elements from state objectives and standards as well as Standards for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner as set forth by the American Association of School Librarians.

Approved a lease agreement with the Wheaton Park District for our property adjacent to Kelly Park and next to Edison Middle School. The Park District is applying for grant funds for the purpose of property improvements which will enhance recreational use of the property.

Approved to declare four areas around the new Hubble Middle School as serious safety hazards according to the Illinois Department of Transportation's guidelines. The four routes can be viewed on the District website under the agenda for tonight's Board of Education meeting.

Approved the following revised District policies:

- 7.20 Sexual Harassment
- 5.30 Hiring Process and Criteria – Nepotism
- 4.150 Facility Management and Expansion Programs – Green Cleaning

Tabled for further discussion revised Policy 2.40, Student Representative on the School Board. The Board wanted to add more specificity to the selection process and expectations for these representatives. Board members Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Slater will meet with Dr. Drury and staff to craft additional language.

Approved the application for 5 waivers from the State Code relative to student attendance on holidays.

Approved the following curriculum as posted:

- PACE mathematics for grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8 drama
- Title 1 mathematics for grades K-5
- Mathematics for grades K-5

Approved a new administrator model for the District's health insurance plan at a significant cost savings while maintaining the same quality service and coverage currently provided to employees.

Approved to post the tentative budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year for public review and comment. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at Franklin Middle School and adoption is scheduled for the Board meeting immediately following the public hearing.

**Next Meeting:**

August 26 – School Service Center.