

# Board of Education Highlights

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March 8, 2006 – Jefferson School

## Superintendent's Report

- Jeff Cook, President of the Wheaton Park District Board, and Rob Robinson, Executive Director, were introduced and spoke to a new spirit of cooperation that is emerging between the park district and school district. Both indicated that there are many ways for the two groups to work together for the betterment of the community.
- Coaches for this year's Special Olympics team were recognized by the Board for creating the team and growing the program to 26 students this year.
- District 200 was recently recognized as one of 61 Illinois school districts to receive the Bright A+ award for academic excellence. Given by SchoolSearch, an educational research and consulting firm, the award has been given to District 200 each year since its inception in 1999. The award recognizes school districts whose academic performance ranks in the upper 5% of Illinois districts based on state tests.
- The first indoor boys track meet at Wheaton North's new fieldhouse will be held Friday with three schools participating. The first girl's indoor track meet will be held on Saturday. North will host the DVC Indoor meet the following week. This is the first time District 200 has been host to any indoor track meet because we have not had the facilities until the field house was completed.

## The Board took the following action:

- Approved new vision and mission statements based on information collected through focus groups and a community survey conducted last year. The statements will provide a framework for future board decisions and long-range planning efforts. The statements are attached.
- Approved the fee schedule for the 2006-07 school year. The technology fee will increase \$5 in the elementary schools, \$10 in the middle schools, and \$15 in the high schools to cover the costs associated with increased computer/printer use. The elementary registration fee will also increase \$2 for grades one through five to pay for classroom calculators used as part of the new math curriculum.
- Approved an agreement with Constellation New Energy, Inc. for electric service for an additional two years when the current contract expires in May. Constellation New Energy has supplied electricity to the District for the last three years at a price less than that charged by Commonwealth Edison. The new agreement will allow the District to manage its energy costs during a period of rising energy prices.
- Approved a lease extension for the property at 1202 Liberty, Wheaton, which houses the Transition Program for students 19 to 21 years old. The program teaches life skills with a focus on the home and community.
- Approved supplemental materials for middle school social studies courses. The materials, titled A History of Us, are published by Oxford Press.

- Approved the refinishing of the contest gym floor at Wheaton North High School. The floor was last refinished more than 10 years ago.
- Rejected bids for automating the bleachers in the main gyms at Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South High Schools because they came in over budget.
- Authorized the administration to seek a calendar waiver extension to allow the District to observe President's Day as a school holiday rather than Lincoln's Birthday.
- Posted the renewed curriculum for the following high school courses: adult living, child development and preschool lab, computer literacy, desktop publishing, fashion merchandising, keyboarding, marketing, and photography 1 & 2. The curriculum may be reviewed online through the District's web page.
- Posted for review two policy changes, one related to reporting suspected child abuse and neglect and the other related to naming District facilities.

**Next Meeting:**

March 22 at Lowell Elementary School