

# Board Highlights

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April 25, 2007 – Sandburg Elementary School

## **Recognitions:**

- The Wheaton North High School speech team was recognized for placing third in the state speech tournament. It is the highest finish in the school's history. The team is coached by Stan Austin Ed Klemm.
- The Wheaton North High School Scholastic Bowl team was recognized for its second place finish in the state Scholastic Bowl tournament. The team has played in the final match for six of the last seven years. The team is coached by Phyllis Kidd and Susan Martin.
- The New200 Foundation presented its Distinguished Teacher Awards to Bette Klein, special education, Wheaton Warrentville South High School; Carl Francik, science, Franklin Middle School; and Dan Cerny, fourth grade, Wiesbrook Elementary School.
- It was previously announced that Nancy Peterson, WNHS psychologist for 25 years, was recently honored by the National Association of School Psychologists with the 2007 Presidential Award for Exceptional Service to Children.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Catalani gave a brief presentation to clarify information about the proposed relocation of Hubble Middle School. A copy of the myth vs. fact document he referenced in his report is on the District's web page at [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org) under Hubble Middle School Updates and also attached in a Word document.

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

- Set the last day of school as Wednesday, June 6.
- Approved a one year contract extension with Laidlaw Transit Inc. at a 2.75 percent increase over the current year's cost.
- Appointed Virchow Krause & Company as the District's auditor and accepted the firm's proposal for audit services for the 2006-07 fiscal year for \$29,100.
- Posted textbooks for the following high school courses: algebra I, American government, AP American government, art and design, biology A, I, and R levels, college literacy skills, responding to emergencies, fitness and nutrition, and R level U.S. history. These textbooks may be reviewed at the Wheaton, Warrentville, Winfield, and Carol Stream public libraries and the School Service Center, 130 W. Park Ave., Wheaton.
- Approved the following high school curriculum: art and design, business law, business management, career internship, ceramics 1 and 2, ceramics studio, commercial art 1 and 2, commercial art studio, cooperative education, direct pre-

algebra, graphic design 1 and 2, jewelry and metals 1 and 2, jewelry and metals studio, painting 1 and 2, painting studio, photography studio, poetry, sinfonia, and topics in algebra.

- Approved the reappointment of Maureen Zyburt as District treasurer through June 30, 2008.

**Discussion:**

- Patrick Brosnan, President of Legat Architects, talked with the Board about the advantages of beginning design work on the proposed new middle school ahead of a successful referendum. He said if the Board were to move forward, the work would be done in phases, with the Board having the option of halting work after any phase. Further, about 70 percent any design work would be transferable to another site, placing only about \$250,000 of the total fee 'at risk'. Because of the placement of the current Hubble building and the property sitting in a flood plain, more extensive revisions to the design would be required if a new school were built on the existing site. The Board will discuss this topic again at its May 9 meeting.
- Board Member Ken Knicker proposed a change in the public comment portion of the meeting that he believes will give the Board an opportunity to hear from more residents. His initial idea is to limit comments at the beginning of the meeting to items on the agenda, while a second opportunity would be offered at the end of the meeting for people to speak on other issues. He will do additional research on how other governmental groups handle public comment before the Board discusses this topic again at a future meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

May 9 at Longfellow Elementary School