

Board of Education Highlights

April 4, 2007 – Jefferson Preschool

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held on the District's Access to Technology policy, one of the requirements school districts must meet in order to receive or maintain eligibility for e-rate discounts. The policy must include provisions for Internet safety and filtering as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act. Updates to the District's policy were approved by the Board to provide additional specificity on these topics.

Recognitions

- The Flying Tigers basketball team and coaches were recognized for their third place finish in the state Special Olympics basketball tournament. The team was organized last fall.
- Christine Rojas, a student at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, was recognized for winning first place in original oratory in the state speech tournament.
- Brian Turyna, assistant principal at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, was recognized for being named the new principal at Wiesbrook Elementary School. Ken Bonomo, assistant principal at Hubble Middle School, was recognized for his appointment as the new principal at Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Both appointments are effective July 1, but the two will be transitioning to their new positions throughout the remainder of this school year.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Catalani reported that a committee comprised of teachers, administrators, and parents had its first meeting to review the District's policy on showing 'R' rated films in high school classes. The current policy prohibits showing the films without principal approval and parent notification. Students, staff, and parents who have differing views on this policy will be asked to participate in the committee's discussion. The group will subsequently make recommendations to the Board, which will make them available to the public for comment and review prior to adopting any policy changes.
- Dr. Catalani reported again that state law requires school districts to select architects through an interview process. Fees are to be negotiated for each project after the architect is selected. Construction projects are subject to bid and are awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. District 200 complied with this requirement and selected Legat Architects as the district's architect several years ago following interviews with several firms.
- Dr. Catalani reported that the Day of Silence observed by some high school students in April is not a school sponsored event. Students who choose to observe

the day are penalized if their silence keeps them from participating in required class activities. The Day of Silence is an annual student-organized day of action to protest the bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their allies.

The Board took the following action:

- Approved the purchase of new band uniforms for Wheaton North and Wheaton Warrenville South High Schools. Uniforms were last purchased in 1997 for Wheaton Warrenville South and in 1998 for Wheaton North. The life expectancy of the uniforms is about 10 years.
- Approved new policies and revisions to existing policies to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation. They are Policy 4.80, Accounting and Audits; Policy 6.140, Education of Homeless Children; Policy 6.145, Migrant Students; Policy 6.170, Title I Programs; Policy 7.340, Student Records.
- Approved revisions to the following policies: Policy 7.60, Resident Students; 6.240, Student Trips/Travel; Policy 6.310, Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs.
- Approved revisions to Policy 6.235, Access to Technology and Policy 7.310, Publications.
- Approved resolutions notifying certain certified and classified staff that they will not be reemployed next year. Depending on the circumstance, some of these individuals may later be reemployed if vacancies exist.
- Authorized staff to dispose of surplus equipment, which includes broken copiers, computers and computer accessories.

Next Meeting:

April 25 at Sandburg Elementary School