

# Board of Education Highlights

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May 24, 2006 – Wheaton Warrenville South High School

## **Recognitions:**

**Superintendent Art Awards:** The five winners of the Superintendent's Art Award were recognized. They are Thomas Fleming, Wheaton Warrenville South High School; Sarah Pliske, Wheaton North High School; Hannah Koropp and Tommy Koropp, Lincoln Elementary School; and Jenna Schultz, Hubble Middle School.

**Distinguished Teacher Awards:** The New 200 Foundation presented the 2006 Distinguished Teacher Awards to Jim Stankevitz, Wheaton Warrenville South High School; Russ Hooper, Franklin Middle School; and Melissa Kessler, Lincoln Elementary School.

**Special Olympics:** The athletes, peer partners, volunteers, and coaches of the District's Special Olympics team were recognized. Team coaches are Elissa Schwass and Jackie Skewes.

**15 and 25 Year Employees:** The Board honored employees who have served the District for 15 and 25 years. Twelve employees were recognized for 25 years of service and 60 employees for 15 years with the District.

## **Announcements:**

Board President Andy Johnson announced that the Board will meet in June with representative of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, a consulting search firm, to determine a timeline and process for selecting a superintendent to succeed Gary T. Catalani, who is retiring in June 2007. Mr. Johnson indicated the timeline will include opportunities for various stakeholder groups within the District and larger community to provide input into the qualities and characteristics it wants in its next superintendent.

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

Ratified a new, three-year contract with the Wheaton Warrenville Education Association. Details of the contract are included in the attached press release.

Authorized staff to begin negotiations to purchase an 18-acre site near Herrick Road for the construction of a new school to replace Hubble Middle School. The property, owned by James McNaughton Builders, is located west of Herrick Road between Warrenville and Galusha Roads.

Approved a contract with Legat Architects outlining their costs related to the construction of a new school to replace Hubble Middle School. The firm is ready to begin pre-referendum design work and will continue its discussions with teachers and staff

regarding to determine the spaces required to deliver the program and provide flexibility for the future. Legat has been the District's architect for more than 10 years.

Approved a one year extension of its contract with Sodexo to provide and manage food service in the District's schools. Sodexo is completing its first year of a five year contract that is renewable annually.

Approved a three-year lease of 880 computers for the elementary schools. These will replace existing classroom computers, which are being designated for other purposes.

Appointed Virchow, Krause & Co. to conduct the District's financial audit this year. William F. Gurrie & Co., which has been the District's auditor for a number of years, recently merged with Virchow Krause.

Approved new high school textbooks for French 2 and 3, German 2, Spanish 2 and 3, Geometry, and Topics in Geometry. The textbooks were posted for review in the public libraries serving District 200.

Authorized staff to request an occupancy permit from the Regional Office of Education for the recently completed field house and adjoining classrooms at Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

Accepted a gift of \$450 to the District 200 Special Olympics Program from the DuPage Chapter of the Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois.

**Next Meeting:**

June 14 at the School Service Center