

# Board of Education Highlights

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May 9, 2007 – Longfellow Elementary School

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Emily Disbrow, a senior at Wheaton Warrenville South High School, has added another honor to her list of accomplishments. It was announced last Wednesday that Emily is one of 141 Presidential Scholars in the United States and one of three from Illinois. A young man and woman are chosen from each state and another 15 students are selected at large. Presidential Scholars are selected based on their academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.

Kendall Ciesmier, 14, an eighth-grader at Franklin Middle School, is one of 10 middle and high school students from across the nation who were named America's top youth volunteers for 2007 in The Prudential Spirit of Community awards program. Kendall, who recognized at our March Board Meeting, received the award in Washington this past weekend during a four-day celebration. Kendall formed a nonprofit organization that has raised \$80,000 since 2004 through Web site donations and T-shirt sales to benefit AIDS orphans in Africa.

Chris Gilbertson is one of 15 Chicago area school nurses who have completed the School Nurse Leadership Training sponsored by the Healthy School Campaign, National Louis University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The program's goal is to improve student health. We are pleased to recognize Ms. Gilbertson for this achievement during National Nurses Week.

District 200 has once again been named one of the top public school districts in the nation by Expansion Management magazine. District 200 ranked in the top 16 percent of the 2,819 districts that were rated. The study is done to provide the magazine's corporate subscribers with a means of comparing the type of work force they are likely to encounter when planning a corporate opening or relocation.

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

- Installed newly reelected Board Members Marie Slater, Rosemary Swanson, and John Bomher.
- Reelected Andy Johnson as Board President, Rosemary Swanson as Vice President, and Barbara Intihar as Secretary.
- Authorized Legat Architects to begin the design work for the new Hubble Middle School. The work will be done in phases, giving the Board the option of halting work after any phase. The first phase will result in a building design, which will be submitted to the Board for approval this summer. The Board took this action for two

reasons: One, it would permit construction to begin a year earlier, allowing students to move into the building a year earlier. Two, it would save about \$2.9 million in inflation costs. About \$250,000 of the total \$1.9 fee would be 'at risk' if the school were built on a different site in the southwest part of the district.

- Awarded a bid for replacing a portion of the roof at Wheaton North High School to Olsson Roofing of Aurora for \$279,440.
- Approved the lease of document imaging equipment from Digital Paper Solutions for use in scanning student records. Some 250 boxes of student records await scanning.
- Awarded a bid to refinish the gym floor in the Wheaton North High School auxiliary gym to Lenco Flooring for \$9,615. The project was first bid last spring, but quotes were rejected due to the high price tag. The current bid is less than half of the earlier bid.
- Approved a one-year extension of the food service management contract with Sodexo.
- Appointed Rosemary Swanson as the representative to the Illinois Association of School Board's Governing Board.
- Posted for review the following novels for use in the Themes in Literature course; The Iliad, The Aeneid, Gates of Fire, and Under the Eagle. The novels are available for public review until June 8 in the Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream public libraries and the School Service Center.
- Agreed to dispose of surplus fitness equipment by transferring ownership to the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED). The equipment no longer meets the need of the District 200 program, and new equipment was purchased in collaboration with the Wheaton Park District.
- Increased the business mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.485.
- Posted for review revisions to Policy 2.220, School Board Meeting Procedures, reflecting changes in the law. The policy may be reviewed on the District's web page at [www.cusd200.org](http://www.cusd200.org).

**Next Meeting:**

May 23 at Wheaton North High School