

Board of Education Highlights

June 8, 2005 -- School Service Center

Recognitions and Achievements

The Board of Education recognized and honored the state champion Boys Gymnastics Coop team and its coaches, Chad Downing, Greg Gebhardt and Frank Novakowski.

The Board also honored the members of the District's Safety and Security Task Force.

The Board took the following action:

- Agreed to add up to two band and orchestra teachers for the elementary and middle schools to help minimize classroom disruption when students are pulled from class for instrumental music instruction. In addition, fifth grade students will be limited to taking either band or orchestra, not both, beginning next year.
- Transferred \$1.2 million in working cash fund bonds to the education fund and operations and maintenance fund to finance capital projects—technology, furniture, equipment, building renewal. The money comes from the \$16 million bond sale the Board approved last year. One of the requirements of the sale is that \$2.5 million be spent on capital projects over a three-year period.
- Approved the purchase of calculators for the elementary math program. The calculators—TI-10, TI-15 Explorer and Overhead—replace older models that have succumbed to wear and tear during their ten years of use.
- Adopted textbooks for the following high school courses: Advanced Placement physics, chemistry and biology; environmental biology, precalculus, philosophy, music keyboarding, history of rock and roll, computer assisted drafting, applications in writing, sociology, psychology, literature, and drama I.
- Rejected bids for refinishing the gym floor at Wheaton North High School due to bids coming in higher than expected. The project will be rebid later in the year.
- Approved the lease of seven white, 2005 fourteen passenger activity vehicles for use in the high schools. Leasing these vehicles is less expensive than using a bus service to transport students to and from activities held in other schools.
- Posted for public review a high school technology textbook and a group of novels to be used in the elementary language arts program. The books are on review in the Wheaton, Warrenton, Winfield and Carol Stream public libraries and the School Service Center.

- Extended an agreement with the City of Wheaton to provide School Liaison Officers in both high schools. The District pays 75 per cent of the costs and the city picks up the remainder.
- Posted for public review revisions in policies related to student participation in extracurricular activities. These policies are available in each school and on the District Web Page at www.cusd200.org. The changes coincide with an expanded athletic philosophy statement that will appear in the 2005-06 high school parent/student handbooks.

Next Meeting:

July 13 in the School Service Center.