

Board of Education Highlights

August 8, 2007 – School Service Center

Recognitions:

- Dr. Drury reported that District 200 received the SchoolSearch 2007 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence. District 200 was chosen as one of only 84 Illinois school districts (out of 872 school districts) to receive this year's award. The Bright Red Apple Award is based on five key factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary. District 200 rated very strong in all five categories. The award criteria are based on primary areas of concern of most relocating families as SchoolSearch is dedicated to helping families make informed school choices.

The Board took the following action:

Accepted a gift to WNHS Activities/Athletic programs from National City Bank in appreciation of the WNHS Chamber Choir performance at the bank opening ceremony.

Authorized the opening of Closed Session minutes from November 28, 2006 and December 4,5,6, 2006 to the public.

Approved the bid from OAD Orthopaedics for athletic trainer services at Wheaton North High School and Wheaton Warrenville South High School for the 2007-08 school year.

Approved the bid from Triple "S" Vending for the snack vending contract at both of our high schools for the 2007-08 school year.

Approved to post the tentative budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year as presented by Assistant Superintendent Bill Farley. The budget is posted for 30 days for public inspection at the School Service Center and the libraries of Wheaton, Warrenville, Carol Stream and Winfield as well as on the district web site: www.cusd200.org. A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at Monroe Middle School. Adoption is scheduled for the September 26, 2007 Board of Education meeting.

Approved to re-post revisions to Policy 6.210, Instructional Materials, including associated forms, for public review. This policy covers the procedures to be followed by a teacher wishing to use an R-rated film or film clip in the classroom. There were a number of revisions to the policy subsequent to the July 11 meeting; therefore, the policy is being reposted for a 30-day review. The administration will be implementing the rules and regulations for the policy which provides parents the opportunity to be informed and view films or clips that will be shown in the classroom. They also will have the opportunity to elect not to have their student participate in the viewing of these materials.

In addition, the policy provides for transparency of the selection and review process. The policy will be voted on at the September 12, 2007 Board of Education meeting.

Authorized Legat Architects to proceed to expedite Civil Engineering Services for the Hubble project storm water permit with DuPage County.

Discussion Item

The Board heard a presentation from Legat Architects concerning design considerations specifically related to environmental and energy components related to the Hubble project. Legat presented the concept of LEED certification as an option for consideration during the design phase of the project. LEED stands for Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design.

LEED is a process of certifying the design of a new facility to include environmentally friendly and energy efficient concepts, processes, and systems. The designs of “green” schools can assist to negate the negative impact that construction can have on the environment. Schools designed and constructed to be environmentally responsible can also become learning opportunities for students as they see first hand how the facility conserves energy, uses resources to protect the environment, and supports learning.

A significant factor in consideration of this process would be the potential savings to the District in heating costs. The current Hubble Middle School, with approximately 200,000 square feet, costs as much to heat as either of the 2 newly remodeled high schools which are approximately 500,000 square feet each. Incorporating LEED concepts in the design phase could have significant savings, not only in terms of dollars, but also savings in term of energy consumption.

LEED certification involves having a third party evaluate the design and construction of the facility along with the environmentally friendly components of the design.

The School Board will take action on the application for LEED certification at the August 22 meeting.

Next Meeting:

August 22 at the School Service Center