

# Board of Education Highlights

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September 26, 2007 – School Service Center

## **Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Drury reported that the New 200 Foundation Fun Run, held on September 22, was a huge success with over 550 participants. He shared that the District's new Em-Net emergency warning system was installed this week and training on this new system, obtained through a grant, will take place on Thursday. On September 19, District 200 hosted the regional meeting of the Illinois Association of School Boards at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. District 200 Board member, Marie Slater, is the current president of IASB. District board members Marie Slater, Rosemary Swanson, and Barb Intihar were recognized at this meeting for maintaining their Master Board Member certification with the state association.

## **Action Items:**

The Board adopted the 2007-08 Budget

District 200 Board of Education voted to place a referendum question on the February 5, 2008 election ballot to build a new Hubble Middle School. This action set in motion the formation of the February referendum question.

The District has been in the planning and negotiations phase of building a new Hubble Middle School in the southwest section of the District. The District entered into an agreement to purchase land in Warrenville at Herrick Road and Galusha Road. There are three contingencies that must be met before the project can be completed, they include: 1) a positive risk assessment of the property and all usual and customary due diligence; 2) a "No Further Remediation" (NFR) letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA); 3) a successful referendum to fund the project.

The District obtained a positive risk assessment from an independent agency, Boelter and Yates, that indicated that it was safe and met the necessary requirements and standards for a school.

In his review of the NFR letter for the Board of Education at their September 12, 2007 meeting, James Vroman, from the law firm of Jenner & Block, said of the IEPA report, "It doesn't get any better than this. The site is pristine." The property, in its present state, without any remediation or attention, meets the IEPA's highest standard of approval.

The District's architects, Legat Architects, and project managers, Bovis Lend Lease, are in the process of finalizing the costs of the project and will present their figures to the Board of Education at their October 10, 2007 meeting.

## **Next Meeting:**

October 10, 2007 at Wheaton Warrenville South High School