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Board Meeting Summary

Regular Meeting . . .

The Unit 5 Board of Education, at its regular meeting on **January 25, 2006**, took the following action and received the following reports:

Action

- Accepted the Unit 5 Citizens Advisory Council Focus Groups report, with appreciation to the CAC. The report is available on the District's website (www.unit5.org). The Focus Group Committee recommended that the District conduct a series of targeted focus group sessions throughout the next school year and conduct them in a formal, "best practices" format that directly invites a variety of community members to actively participate in a structured discussion.
- The need for Fire Prevention and Safety funds to repair an athletic outbuilding at Normal Community West High School was certified. Estimated cost of the work is \$83,505.
- The Board adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement and accept the donation by Eastlake LLC of a 15 acre tract of land, with 5 acres coming from Dorothy Benjamin, and all of the land being in the Eastlake Subdivision of the City of Bloomington, located on Ireland Grove Road in southeast Bloomington. The Board President and Secretary were authorized to execute the agreement.
- Expansion of the school breakfast program to include Oakdale and Parkside Elementary Schools beginning in February 2006 was approved.

Reports/Discussion

Lauren Murphy, an NCHS senior, was recognized for being the 2006 recipient of the Town of Normal Human Relations Commission's "I Have a Dream Student Award." Hari Mani, an NCHS sophomore, was recognized for being a recipient of one of The United States Achievement Academy's National Leadership and Service Award. Ben Backsmeier, a senior at NCWHS, was recognized for being selected to represent Illinois in the 44th annual William Randolph Hearst/United States Senate Youth Program.

In addition, reports were received on the proposed elementary science curriculum revision process, the ESL program, the IASB Conference the proposed 2006-2007 School Calendar, Strategic Plan progress to date, and board

representative reports regarding councils, committees, and commissions on which they serve.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- Minutes of the January 11 regular board meeting
- Payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$7,801,047.74
- The Treasurer's Report for December 2005
- Overnight trips: (1) NCHS Jazz Combo request for an overnight trip to Evanston, Illinois on February 10-11, 2006 to perform at a Jazz Festival at Evanston Twp. H.S., (2) NCHS request for an overnight trip on February 17-18, 2006 for eligible students to participate in the IHSA State Individual Events Speech Competition at Oaklawn High School in Oaklawn, Illinois, (3) NCWHS FFA request for an overnight trip on March 5-6, 2006 for its annual ski trip and member retreat in Galena, Illinois, and (4) CJHS Wrestling Team request for an overnight trip on January 28, 2006, for the Deer Path Wrestling Tournament in Lake Forest, Illinois.
- Other: (1) CJHS request for Sunday use of the gym on January 29, 2006 by the Amateur Softball Association for its annual spring coaches meeting, (2) NCHS request for Sunday use of the NCHS pool and west gym on March 5, 2006 by the Bloomington YMCA for a District swim meet, and (3) NCHS request for Sunday use of the NCHS cafeteria and auditorium on March 19, 2006 by Patni Computer Systems for its annual company dinner and meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session prior to the public session to review closed session minutes and to consider real property matters, the employment and compensation of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters. A second closed session was held after the public session to discuss the employment and compensation of specific employees.