

Board Meeting Summary

March 9, 2006

Regular Meeting . . .

The Unit 5 Board of Education, at its regular meeting on **March 8, 2006**, took the following action and received the following reports:

Action

- The Board set the date of Wednesday, April 19, 2006 for a board work session to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office.
- The District's Organizational Chart was revised. The chart will be available on the District's website (www.unit5.org).
- Changes were made to elementary open attendance areas OAA1 (Grove, Northpoint and Towanda Elementary Schools) and OAA4 (Glenn and Brigham Elementary Schools) to provide for increased flexibility to balance class sizes. These changes will impact new students only.
- Kurt Swearingen, currently principal at Prairieland Elementary School, was appointed director of elementary education effective July 1, 2006.

Reports/Discussion

Focus on Students Reports – Eight members of the NCHS Football Team (Camden McIntosh, Nick Price, Sam Smith, Austin Davis, Tyler Sadlo, Cody Gilles, Dan Miller, and Anthony Guevara) and Coach Hudson Venerable were recognized for participating in the annual BroMenn Ride on February 11. *Good News Reports* – Deanne Bryant, retired conductor of the NCHS orchestra since 1993, was recognized for being honored recently by the Illinois American String Teachers Association with their Distinguished Service Award for 2006. The Towanda Elementary School PTO was recognized for its fundraising efforts to provide new playground equipment for the school. In addition to raising \$12,000, the PTO applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's. *Other Reports* - Board member reports on committees/councils/commissions/boards were also presented in addition to an enrollment update (11,746 students as of 2/28/06).

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- Minutes of the February 22 regular board meeting
- Resignations/retirements/terminations for 13 teachers, 4 noon hour supervisors, 7 bus drivers/monitors, and 1 service/tire technician

- Temporary contract releases for 23 teachers and 1 occupational therapist
- Employment of 3 teachers, 6 noon hour supervisors, 3 teaching assistants, 2 food service workers, 1 custodian, and 6 bus monitors/driver
- Contract revisions for 2 teachers, 2 educational support personnel, Schedule B, and coursework adjustments
- Leave requests for 2 teachers
- Overnight trips: (1) NCWHS Color Guard request to participate in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships in LaPorte, Indiana on March 31-April 2, 2006, (2) NCHS request for selected students to participate in the IHSA Drama/Group Interpretation State Competition on March 24-25, 2006 in Springfield, Illinois, (3) PJHS request for Wrestling team members who are successful at sectionals to attend the State Wrestling Tournament at Northern Illinois University on March 10-11, 2006
- Other: (1) Hudson School request for Sunday use of Hudson School IMC on March 26, April 23, and May 28, 2006 by the Bloomington-Normal Juvenile Diabetes Information Support Group, (2) American Youth Basketball Tour request to utilize the gymnasium facilities at NCHS, NCWHS, CJHS, KJHS, and PJHS for their National Tournament to be conducted Sunday, July 23 through Sunday, July 30, 2006, (3) NCWHS request for Sunday use of the auditorium and cafeteria on Sunday, April 16, 2006 by Evangelical Free Church for an Easter breakfast and church service, (4) NCHS and NCWHS Summer 2006 athletic camps

Public Comments

None.

Closed Session

The Board met in closed session for an hour preceding the public session to review closed session minutes and consider real property matters, the employment/compensation of specific employees, and collective negotiating matters.