

February 9, 2006

Board Meeting Summary

Regular Meeting . . .

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

Action

- The Board adopted the elementary, middle school, high school, and special education curriculum revisions and textbooks/materials for 2006-2007 as proposed for the following courses: K-5 Science, 5-6 Band/Orchestra, 5-6 Special Education (Math Essentials 1, 2, 3), Art (Contemporary Crafts and AP Art History), Business (Accounting), Foreign Language (Spanish II and German III), and Science (Physics I and II). Total cost of the textbooks and materials is \$830,696. Approximately \$132,276 is anticipated from the 2006 Illinois Textbook Loan Program. In addition, the District will receive over \$1 million in free items from the publishers to support these adoptions.
- The 2006-2007 School Calendar was adopted and is available on the District's website (www.unit5.org).

Reports/Discussion

A mid-year update on the District's budget was presented. In regard to expenditures in the major operating funds (Educational, Operations/Maintenance, and Transportation), it was reported that the District is within 2 percent of one-half of its budgeted expenditures. In addition to board representative reports regarding councils, committees, and commissions on which board members serve, reports were also received regarding potential ESL program options (A recommendation will be presented for the Board's consideration at the February 22 board meeting.) and January student enrollment (11,780 as of January 31).

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- Minutes of the January 25 regular board meeting
- A staffing needs request for 1.0 FTE Early Childhood teacher and 1.0 FTE Early Childhood teaching assistant positions for Fox Creek Elementary School
- Resignations/retirements/terminations for 1 teacher, 10 noon hour supervisors, 2 food service workers, 2 administrative assistants,

2 teaching assistants, 10 bus drivers, and 5 bus monitors

- Employment of 2 teachers, 23 noon hour supervisors, 2 teaching assistants, 1 custodian, 1 health care assistant, 7 bus drivers, and 3 bus monitors
- Contract revisions for 1 teacher, 1 custodian, and 13 Schedule B
- Overnight trips: (1) NCHS Jazz I and II overnight trip request for February 17-18, 2006 to participate in a Jazz Festival at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois
- Donations: (1) Oakdale Elementary School permission to accept the donation of an indoor rock climbing system from the Oakdale PTO – total: \$3,724.64, (2) KJHS permission to accept the donation of a sound system replacement for Neuman Gym from the KJHS PTO – total: \$17,740, (3) NCHS permission to accept the donation of landscaping around a memorial sign from the Warner Family and Friends – total: \$550 to \$850, and (4) NCHS permission to accept a donation from the Boys and Girls Tennis activity account for gates – total: \$1,253.65 to \$1,683.00
- Other: (1) authorization for summer school for ESL and students with disabilities

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.