

Board Meeting in Review

January 28, 2008

The Board honored:

- Winton Woods High School Student Art winners:
 - Board Selection: **Karen Budke**
 - Superintendent's Selection: **Dani Dearth**
 - Honorable Mention: **Nick Mannira, Megan Schneider, Courtney Lumpkin and Shelly Owen.**

The Board recognized:

- Primary North/South Student Art Display and Art teachers **Nancy Bleisch**, Primary North, and **Angela Stanbery**, Primary South
- **Myles Thomas**, Winton Woods Primary North student, who received the Kiwanis Character is Key Award for Trustworthiness.
- Winton Woods High School Students of the Month, **Jamie Lee Morris** and **Kierra Johnson**.
- Winton Woods High School World History Honors students **Antonio Pool** and **Malcolm Thompson** who received honorable mentions in the Korean Spirit and Culture Essay Contest National Competition. Their teacher is **Rosemary Petreccia**.
- Village of Greenhills Municipal Manager, **Dave Moore**, who is retiring from his position after 34 years of outstanding leadership. Village Councilman, **Fred Murrell**, praised Mr. Moore's service to the Village.
- Expressed appreciation for recognition of the **Board of Education members** during School Board Recognition Month.
- a donation from **Mr. James Samples** of the Kroger Company. He donated three televisions, eight DVD players, a stereo system, a water slide, and a six-foot hoop for classrooms and recreation at the elementary schools.

The Board received reports on:

- Primary North and South schools. Winton Woods Primary North Principal **Claire Crook** and Winton Woods Primary South Principal **Linda Guiliano** reviewed both schools' DIBELS assessment data and strategies to improve classroom instruction and student achievement. They discussed steps they have taken to improve school culture and displayed their behavior expectation matrix. A singing video presentation of students from the primary schools thanking the Board of Education followed their presentation
- College Admissions. Winton Woods High School College Advisor, **Kevin Jones**, gave an overview of college applications and the \$7.8 million in scholarships earned by the Class of 2007.
- The Warrior Scholars Program. **Mr. Jones** presented 2007-2008 honorees to the Board: **Oscar Hernandez, Christian Ingle, Aaron Patton, and Matthew Zalar**. The Warrior Scholars Program was designed to reward participants for outstanding middle school achievement, optimize future performance in high school courses, and

enhance performance on SAT/ACT. Program goals include developing more National Merit Semifinalists and increasing scholarship opportunities.

- The 2004-2007 Strategic Plan. **Superintendent Nasbe** highlighted the steps that the district has completed as outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- The district's finances. **Dr. Nasbe** provided a financial update of the district, noting the impact of student mobility on planning and services; the increase in tuition payments paid by our district to charter schools and the lack of accountability for those schools to verify student residency; and the lack of increase in state funding for the past three years, this year and next year. Voted local taxes have not been increased in four years. Dr. Nasbe indicated that the district needs to pass a 7.95-mill levy to continue day-to-day operations. The March 4 levy would increase local property taxes by less than \$20 per month for every \$100,000 in home value. She noted significant progress has been made since the last levy, including a 94% graduate rate, AYP met, and an Effective state rating for the district. If the levy fails, the district will be required to reduce expenditures by an additional \$2 million. Programs and services that could be adversely affected include secondary class sizes, busing, advanced classes including AP and gifted programs, music and fine arts, athletics, student fees, and alternative education.

The Board approved:

- all personnel schedules.
- A resolution for National School Counseling Week, February 4-8, 2008
- The Ohio Foreign Language Assistance Program Grant (FLAP) for K-4 Mandarin Chinese.

The Board approved and reported on:

- a resolution introduced by **John Pennycuff** on NCLB (No Child Left Behind), urging Representative Chabot to fully support HB 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill.
- The meeting at Scarlett Oaks Campus held on December 12, 2007. Culinary students provided a dinner for Great Oaks Board members and their guests. **Cindy Emmert** also thanked Winton Woods staff who were involved in developing and implementing a grant for high school freshmen. She recognized **Jazzimine Pough**, Winton Woods student, for her essay on "Celebrating What is Important to Me" that will be published.

Comments from Members of the Board and Superintendent:

- Associate Superintendent **Tom Hausterman** was recognized for his work in securing two grants, one in partnership with Great Oaks to assist struggling ninth graders and the other with ODE for elementary Chinese students. **(Nasbe)**
- WWES teachers were recognized for spending two hours calling parents to encourage them to register to vote for the March 4 election. **(Sugawara)**
- Levy meetings will be held every Tuesday in February at 7:00 PM in the Board Room. All are invited. **(Pennycuff)**

