

## **Board Meeting in Review**

**April 28, 2008**

### **The Board honored:**

- Winton Woods Middle School Student Art winners:
  - Board Selection: **Jalen Walker**
  - Superintendent's Selection: **Tommy Foertmeyer**
  - Honorable Mention: **Emily Cleary, Maria Diaz, Nate Musselman, and Brittany Starkey**

### **The Board recognized:**

- Winton Woods Intermediate Student Art Display and Art teachers **Anne Eversman** and **Beth Pearson**.
- **Estefani Cartagena**, Winton Woods Intermediate School, who received the Kiwanis Character is Key Award for Caring.
- Winton Woods High School Student of the Month, **Karen Budke**.
- Winton Woods High School Choral Director, **Dave Bell**, Assistant Choral Director, **Ben Spalding**, and Piano Accompanist, **Jeanette Jordan** for their participation (leadership) in A Choral Salute to the 2008 Beijing Olympics in Beijing, China.
- Northern Hills Christian Church, Pastor **Ken Nichols**, for the church's volunteer effort in painting the interior of Winton Woods Primary South. They plan to do the same at the Intermediate School this summer.

### **The Board received reports on:**

- Winton Woods Intermediate School Principal, **Tonya West-Wright**, provided information on techniques for increasing achievement at her school and outlined successful intervention applications. Mrs. Wright discussed the progress of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades oral reading fluency, 5<sup>th</sup> grade math, science and social studies and 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading and math. Mrs. Wright reviewed the acceleration and enrichment opportunities programs available for students to improve the school culture and she read the school-wide guidelines "The Warrior Way". She commented on the extra-curricular activities and student recognition programs and emphasized the connections made with the community and media to encourage support and recognition of district students.
- Compliance Officer, **Courtney Wilson**, highlighted the changes to the Student Code of Conduct and Student Dress Code. (A revised copy is available in your school)
- Assistant Superintendent, **Tom Hausterman**, and Director of Student Services, **Patty D'Arcy**, presented a report on State and Federal Program Audits and requirements placed upon the district to function within the program guidelines, especially with federally-funded pre-school.
- Superintendent, **Dr. Camille Nasbe**, presented her recommendations for district budget adjustments, which include additional personnel cuts, rescission of the 2% salary increase next school year for administrators and exempt staff, increases in student fees, and loss of high school busing. **Dr. Nasbe** indicated that she would send a letter to parents

regarding the increase in School Fees in May. Board Members discussed the recommendations at length and expressed great concerns for the district, students and personnel due to the necessity of these cuts.

**The Board approved:**

- all personnel schedules.
- a resolution acknowledging Teacher Appreciation Week May 4- 10, 2008.
- a resolution acknowledging National School Nurse Day on May 7, 2008.
- Winton Woods Elementary School's overnight field trip on May 17, 2008.
- a revised policy on School Safety, policy #8400 that included floor plans of all buildings to be filed with local fire and police departments
- a revised Student Code of Conduct.
- revision of the Student Dress Code effective in the 2008/2009 school year.
- Budget adjustments totaling \$1.2 million.

**The Board reported on:**

- a meeting involving the governor's chief aide, and 16 state board members regarding a reform funding package for education. The governor and staff are committed to "craft" legislation in the fall of 2008 that will be submitted to voters. A new format for the State Report Card will include the "Value-Added component" **(Pennycuff)**
- the Great Oaks meeting held on April 9, 2008 and the senior recognition event which will be held at Scarlett and Diamond Oaks at the end of May for WWHS seniors attending those campuses. **(Emmert)**

**Comments from Members of the Board and Superintendent:**

- Levy Options. We have three levy options items for consideration with a deadline of May 14<sup>th</sup> for an August 5<sup>th</sup> Levy. Ballot – 1) A continuous operating levy of 7.95 Mills; 2) a 7.5 Mill Operating and 3) a 1% earned income tax. The Board will have to decide when to place the levy on the ballot either in August or November based upon cost for the district and feasibility for community-based campaign support. **(Lee)**
- Athletic budget cuts. We need a serious review of options. **(Pennycuff)**
- Review all expenditure areas. The Board is committed to look at all resources and hold legislators accountable for non- funding of state mandates. We need to send emails, letters and calls to legislators. **(Cleary)**
- Decisions regarding cuts affecting students, staff and community. We need community support to pass the next levy. We need volunteers. **(Emmert)**
- Budget reductions. Making these cuts is very difficult for all of us. We are losing good people who make a difference in the lives of students. The community support appreciated and it is needed for our youth and our future. **(Nasbe)**
- How difficult it is to see good teachers leave and not return, WWTA Association will help shoulder burden with the next levy. **( Sugawara)**

Board moved to go into Executive Session. Meeting adjourned 9:55 PM