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Board Meeting Report

January 17, 2019 - Recognition



STATE SWIM CHAMPION ... Holt senior Noah Scheuermann was recognized for winning the Missouri Class 2 State Swimming Championship in the 200-yard freestyle event back in November with a time of 1:39.29 at the St. Peters Rec-Plex. Noah also took second place in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 48.75. This is Noah's first state championship, but he is a five-time medalist over the last three years. Noah has verbally committed to swim for Arizona State University next year where he plans to major in business.



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE ... Counselors and community partners were recognized for assisting families through the District's Holiday Assistance Program, which provides gifts for our students whose family may be struggling financially for a variety of reasons. Every year the program evolves as we add new partners in the effort. Eleven schools participated in the District's traditional "Adopt-a-Family" program that matched families in need with caring donors. Six schools partnered with Morning Star Church and their Christmas Shoppe, and Heritage and Wentzville Middle partnered with Calvary Church to participate in a Christmas Store as well. Wentzville United Methodist Church, The Way, LINC, Wentzville NEA and the Wentzville Walmart were all recognized too for assisting multiple families. This year, 383 families received assistance and 1,012 students had gifts to open for the holidays thanks to our dedicated school counselors in cooperation with staff, student groups, families, congregations, community groups, local businesses and caring individuals.



MOAPHERD YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD ... Nick Clements was recognized for having received the Dr. James Herauf Young Professional Award from the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Mr. Clements has worked for the District since 2014. He coaches girls golf at Holt and baseball at Liberty. He is also a member of this year's We Lead class for aspiring administrators and has a focus in STEMpact Teacher Quality Instruction. Mr. Clements received the Young Professional Award at the MOAHPERD Annual Convention in November for demonstrating outstanding potential for scholarship, teaching, and professional leadership.



SHAPE AMERICA CENTRAL DISTRICT PE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR ... Sally Schulte from Heritage Primary and Melanie Zerr from Timberland were recognized for having been named the elementary and high school SHAPE America Central District PE Teachers of the Year. The Central District encompasses nine states including, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado. Dr. Thomas Loughrey, Executive Director of the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance was on-hand to share the significance of the prestigious award. He said that with 12,000 members in SHAPE America across the country, and only 30 district winners, the WSD should be extremely proud to have two educators in that prestigious group. Mrs. Schulte and Mrs. Zerr are both now eligible for National PE Teacher of the Year, which will be announced by SHAPE America at their national convention in April.

Personnel



Dr. Cain shared with the Board that he had approved the retirement of Timberland Assistant Principal Susan Sanchez, effective June 30, 2019. Mrs. Sanchez has worked for the WSD since 2007.

Superintendent Reports

Dr. Paul Ziegler, Executive Director of EducationPlus, [presented an overview](#) of the services and benefits EducationPlus provides for its member districts. EducationPlus is a non-profit educational service agency that brings school districts together to share resources, information and ideas through nationally-recognized services in educational technology, cooperative purchasing, staff development and more. EdPlus serves as a proactive voice for education and it is a voluntary, membership-driven organization with 59 member school districts in the St. Louis metropolitan area. The WSD is a long-time member district of EducationPlus (formerly known as Cooperating School Districts).

CFO Pam Frazier, Director of Accounting Emilie Vaughan, and Director of Purchasing Carol Harvey presented a [Finance and Purchasing Program Evaluation](#) for the Board.

District Lead Counselor Kristy Sullivan and Educational Support Counselor Chris Turner presented a [Mental Health and Counseling Program Review](#) for the Board.

New Business

Nichole Nolan, K-12 Social Studies/World Languages Content Leader, presented to the Board about the [Seal of Biliteracy](#). The Seal of Biliteracy is a commitment to develop proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation that aligns with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) goal of preparing Missouri students for a lifetime of success. The [Seal of Biliteracy](#) will benefit students who participate in our World Languages courses as well as English Language Learner (ELL) students.

The Board approved the locations, dates and times for the [2019 Extended School Year](#) for special education students who qualify through their IEP.

Dr. Cain discussed the early dismissal and his public apology regarding the weather event on Friday, January 11. [He shared his thoughts regarding the District's practices related to weather](#) and other emergencies that would be significant enough to close the District and send all employees home with pay. The Board voted to move forward with an option (that will require a change in one or more policies) for an emergency district closure that would allow the superintendent to dismiss all employees with pay.

The Board approved a seven-year lease purchase of 25 new school buses from Midwest Transit Equipment.

Next (Special) Board Meeting: February 6, 2019
Next Regular Board Meeting: February 21, 2019