

**November Press Release  
November 17, 2008**

At last night's board meeting the CUSD #2 Media personnel – Janet Jenkins, Sarah Hemrich, and Holly Gallagher presented an update on their success with per capita grants.

**The following action was taken at last night's board meeting:**

- **Old Business:**
- Agreed to provide funds for the following:
  - Mats to go across the track in two different places
  - New Discus pit. The old pit was part of demolition of the old gym
  - Track record board for both boys and girls to place in the gym.
  - Tear down existing track wall and save the current bricks to return to the donor; with new track wall showing all transfer names of past donors, new donors, and forthcoming donors. The board agreed that if need be bids would be taken if required.
- The board authorized the Building & Grounds Committee to pursue **obtaining cost estimates** for the repair of the following items on a Wish List for CUSD #2/after searching for the best prices, the committee will bring recommendations before the board in the near future:
- **RHS**
  - Paint inside lettering on the three RHS stone work on school and gym
  - Asphalt parking lot on west side of building
  - Install additional trophy cases in hallways of the gym and school
  - Install new black dirt to widen and cover practice area north of RHS
  - Install restroom/concession at football/track facility
  - Remove old electrical installation on west side of track
  - Purchase additional lights in the student parking lot
  - Purchase additional lights in the back lot
- **WGS**
  - Install new asphalt on parking lot area
  - Replace deteriorated sidewalks
  - Install fencing on the north side of the playground to prevent children from leaving the playground area
  - Replace carpeting throughout the building
  - Add a second boiler in the near future.
- **NMS**
  - Replace deteriorated sidewalks
  - Carpeting throughout the building
  - Install additional lights on the front side of the NMS Building
  - Parking lot repair
- English & Business Curriculum revisions – Any questions should be directed to Principal Hickey. This item was tabled until the December 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- RHS Student Attendance policy revisions will be revisited at a later time.
- **New Business:**
  - Directed the Treasurer to estimate 2008 tax levy using a projected EAV of \$465,000,000 and publish notice of a truth in taxation hearing to take place at 6:30pm prior to the December 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

- Heard from Curriculum Director Janis Loughery regarding planning improvements to raise PSAT test scores at Robinson High School. She pointed out that in the state of Illinois many, many high schools have seen test scores drop in the last six years. She spoke about RESPRO grants available from the Regional Office of Education to help with the cost of implementing plans for improvement of test scores.
- Approved RHS Band students and chaperones to take a spring trip to St. Louis for their IHSA State Band and Choral Organizational Contest, Fox Theater and a visit to Six Flags. Speaking on behalf of the RHS Band students, Attorney Jay Holtzouser noted their annual spring trip to St. Louis would take place on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. He noted the students will be raising money to pay for their trip and should result in no cost to the school district. He informed the board that a charter bus will take the chaperones and students to the Fabulous Fox Theater in St. Louis where the music sensation “Stomp” will be taking place on Saturday evening right after their IHSA State Band Contest. On Sunday the bus will take them to enjoy the Six Flags Theme Park before returning back to Robinson.
- **Personnel Action:**
  - Accepted resignation from Richard Muston as RHS Head Girls Tennis Coach effective at the end of the 2008 season. Authorization was given to post this position.
  - Accepted resignation from Shirley Muston as RHS Assistant Girls Tennis Coach effective at the end of the 2008 season. Authorization was given to post this position.
  - Appointed Josh Quick as Interim Superintendent with contract and salary to be negotiated.
  - Authorization was given for an internal job posting for Interim WGS Principal
  - Approved employment of Susan Daughtery as RHS Lunchroom Supervisor effective immediately.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Quick reported Washington Grade School’s finish work is being resolved within the next week or two. He noted Family Reading Night is Thursday beginning at 7:00pm and December 2<sup>nd</sup> is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade holiday musical; December 4<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> grade holiday musical; and December 8<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten Holiday Musical.

**Administrator’s Reports:**

**LGS:** - Principal McConnell reported the 5<sup>th</sup> grade play “Willie Wonka Jr.” first performance with be Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> with performances continued on Thursday and Friday evening.

**NMS:** Principal Catt commended the NMS Art classes for their impressive display set up for viewing at the Central office. She noted Veteran’s Day was promoted at NMS with pictures of student’s family members who are serving and/or have served in the United States Military. The NMS students wrote essays about Veterans and students read them over WTYE radio station over Veteran’s day holiday.

**RHS:** Assistant Principal Stark noted 137 people (students and staff) donated blood recently; He noted Beta Club Induction will be Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> held at RHS Gym from 1:05pm – 2:00pm. He reported \$1,000 was earned at the recent RHS Quiz Bowl; RHS Band was recorded recently on WEIU; He mentioned Fine Arts night December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with Holiday Concert by RHS Choir. Distinctive Dining will host a Christmas Dinner on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CURRICULUM/OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:** Janis Loughery reported a demonstration of Café Enterprise software at the central office at 9:00am Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2008.