

February Press Release
February 16, 2010

The School Board met at Central Office for their regular meeting last evening - Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 7:00pm.

The Media Center faculty – RHS Janet Jenkins, NMS Sarah Hemrich, and WES & LGS Holly Gallagher were present to update the school board on their per capita grant. Each one shared positive comments regarding their respective schools and their students’ growth for love of reading. They each expressed their willingness to go that “extra mile” to help students discover the pleasure of reading books and the benefit it gives each student for their future. Janet Jenkins was recognized as the recipient of the HIGHSMITH award. She supports and advises students who are members of the Library Forum as well as any student who comes into the library for assistance on homework, projects, or just to find a good read. She was recognized for her leadership and vision for the Robinson High School Library Forum. Congratulations Mrs. Jenkins!!

The School Board took the following action on February 17th:

- Adopted the 2010/20121 school year official calendar (see attached)
- Upheld expulsions as recommend by Unit #2 Hearing Officer McConnell for student #215051 and student # 215062 to be expelled from NMS for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year with said expulsion to be held in abeyance upon students being enrolled and completing the Optional Ed/Safe School program for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year.
- A sign-off form for parents of dual credit students was tabled until the March 15, 2010 school board meeting.
- **PERSONNEL:**
 - Authorized Principal Stark to appoint six (6) after-school tutors for WES (who will be paid with Title I Stimulus money) as follows:
 - Kasey Waldrop
 - Laura Gallion
 - Nicole Damron
 - Kathy Bemont
 - Korie Shawver
 - Celia Griffy
 - Employed Trina Hilderbrand as a full time bus driver to cover City Route #4 (bus 69) and move Bonnie Weger from Bus 69 to Bus 59 for a Rural Route #4. This action was necessary after the retirement of Madonna Ormsby
 - Appointed Brian Siler to the Athletic Advisory Board Committee along with Kathy Hatten, Larry Keeler and Von Meeks
 - Board members to serve on the Student Handbook committee are LeslieSwaner and Bill Ecton

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

NMS Principal Sue Catt – Recognized Sarah Hemrich for her conscientious work to organize and be a mentor for the Gifted Students throughout the district. Catt also reported that NMS extra-curricular sports are going strong and noted faculty and staff are organizing for the upcoming scholastic bowl. She commended the NMS faculty for their extra efforts in helping students prepare for ISAT testing coming up.

SS Director Jamie Rains – Gave special recognition to Carla Watson and her students for their recent Distinctive Dining event. She noted how the students thrive on putting their skills to work and are able to gain valuable lessons for their future.

LGS Principal McConnell – Reported LGS’s recent spelling bee for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Congratulations to Third Grade Winner Gabe Shotwell, Fourth Grade Winner Alex Hermann, and 5th Grade Winner Kylie Wisdom (who has won each year while at LGS). McConnell also noted that there are 14 LGS band students who signed up to compete in a solo contest. He said all LGS faculty and staff are pushing to get ready for ISAT!

RHS Principal Troy Hickey – Reported on the recent Wrestling Sectional hosted by RHS. He was pleased to announce that freshman Payton Stifle will indeed advance to state! He made note of the recent “SuperBowl of Caring” and gave public thanks to Mr. Dale Mendenhall for his work on the project. There were 3,800 items delivered to the Robinson Food Pantry after the event, and Mr. Mendenhall kept his promise by receiving a “Mohawk” haircut from one of the students after he had set 3,000 food items as their goal.

WES Principal Jason Stark - Reported 17 WES faculty members took part in a Crisis Intervention class held in St. Marie recently and from hearing faculty comments, believes it proved to be beneficial for all who attended. He noted that WES January Family Reading night was well attended and noted a recent Get Set Valentine Party was very successful for students and parents as well. Principal Stark recognized student Matthew Jenkins for his initiative to hold a Washington “Hat Day” to help a family who recently suffered a crisis. Money was raised and sent to the family because of Matthew’s idea.

Superintendent’s Report:

Supt. Quick noted that he was very concerned about the recent report of IECC’s plan to RIF more than one-third of the LTC faculty and the possible impact it will have on Unit #2. He reported the area Superintendents (Oblong, Robinson, Hutsonville, and Palestine) had composed a letter to Terry Bruce asking him to delay the RIF’s until their board had time to evaluate the impact of the cuts and communicate with their respective communities. IECC board meeting met last night.

Next school board meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Central Office.