

# Riverside Public Schools • District Ninety Six

## BULLETIN From The BOARD

May 21, 2008

The Board of Education held its regular May meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at Hauser Junior High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The evening began with the Board's annual awards program. Certificates of Award were presented to students for outstanding achievement in the following categories:

- Elementary and Jr. High Spelling Contest
- WordMaster Challenge
- AAUW Poster and Essay Contest
- National Geographic Geography Bee
- Illinois PTA Reflections
- WSCAE Highest Awardees

The Board heard a report from demographer Dr. Charles Kofron who prepared an updated analysis of enrollment projections for the district through the 2011-12 school year. He noted that the trend toward increasing enrollment within the district is still evident for the next 3-4 years. The kindergarten enrollment for 2008-09 currently stands at 161 students which, for the first time in over 10 years, is actually higher than the number of births recorded for the District 96 attendance area in 2003. More accurate projections will be available once the 2005 and 2006 data is released by the IDPH. Dr. Kofron's presentation will be available on the district's website.

The Board approved the Enclosures listed under the *Consent Agenda* as follows:

- a. Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of April 15, 2008.
- b. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 15, 2008
- c. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of April 15, 2008.
- d. Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting of May 12, 2008.
- e. Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-676.
- f. Accepted the resignations from Rick Cardis, language arts teacher at Hauser Junior High effective at the close of the 2007-08 school year and Claire Gangware, Central/Hauser school nurse effective May 9, 2008.
- g. Approved the 12-week maternity leave request from Dana Dillon beginning in early September 2008.
- h. Appointments of 2008-09 Instructional and Support Staff, Schedules C-906 to C-912, including the following new staff members:

Kelly Huber	Language Arts	Hauser Jr. High
Erin Wilson	Supported Special Ed.	Central
Geanna Chapp	School Nurse	
Judy Dalton	School Nurse	

- i. Accepted the bids for 2008-09 supplies and services from CloverLeaf Farms for milk and ice cream products.

- j. Approved the Personnel Report, as presented, and included the following internal transfers of current staff members beginning with the 2008-09 school year:

Valerie Brackett	Hollywood/Grade 3	FROM	Central/Grade 5
Angela Bursich	Ames Kdg/am & pm	FROM	Ames Kdg/am
Sarah Pollock	Blythe/Grade 3	FROM	Blythe/Grade 2
Lisa Sula	Blythe Kdg/am & pm	FROM	Blythe Kdg/am
Stacy Westin	Hauser Asst. Principal	FROM	Hauser/Asst. Principal Intern

The Board approved the adoption of a recommended revision in the Gifted Program Guidelines due in part to the change in assessment instruments used to determine program eligibility. Changes were also made in the procedures for the appeals process.

The Board approved a revision in the grading scale to include + and - designations along with A, B, C, D, and F as recommended following review and discussion by the Education Committee of the Board.

The Board adopted a revised art curriculum for grades K - 5 which is aligned with State Standards and includes specific goals and program outcomes. The curriculum will provide equity in learning opportunities to experiences with various forms of art media district wide. The new curriculum will be implemented in the fall of 2008.

The Board reviewed and approved the district's Title I e-plan as required by NCLB regulations.

The Board adopted a Resolution to hold a public hearing on June 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the submission of an application to the ISBE to modify the *Illinois School Code* to permit student attendance on certain designated holidays.

Reports from the superintendent and staff:

- a. The enrollment for District 96, as of April 30, 2008 was 1,373 students.

Supt. Lamberson reported that the Building Committee met prior to this meeting to discuss summer 2008 building projects which will include roof replacement at Hollywood School, equipment replacement in the Hauser/Central cafeteria, hardscape work at Hauser, and preventative maintenance projects. No major building renovations are planned at this time. Also discussed was possible expansion of the performing arts area at Hauser. A Building Committee meeting will be scheduled in early June to review these projects.

Future Meeting Dates:

- a. June 17, 2008 Finance Committee, 6:00 p.m., Hauser Junior High
- b. June 17, 2008 Amended Budget Hearing, School Code Modification Hearing, and Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Junior High