

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS



BOARD HAPPENINGS

November 4 and 18, 2008

NOVEMBER 18TH REGULAR MEETING

- The Board meeting was held at **New Haven Middle School**. A Spotlight on Education presentation was given by the Title I Team consisting of **Dr. Jeanne Zehr**, **Dr. James Hendrix**, **Juanita Tolbert**, **Debbie Gibson**, **Jennifer Rose**, and parent **Yolanda Austin**.
- **Dr. Novotny** presented a PowerPoint regarding the Strategic Planning process and a tentative timeline.
- **Tamyrka Kelly** provided details of the new 7-week EACS Leadership Academy that will begin in February.
- The Board began discussion regarding moving all Administrators to 1-year contracts in light of the Strategic Planning process and to give the incoming new Superintendent flexibility in making personnel changes. More discussion will be held at a future Board meeting.
- Board Policy Appendix H (Meet and Confer Timeline) was revised following a suggestion by the Secretaries group to move the deadline for holding Meet and Confer relating to economic issues to May prior to the end of the school year. They believe this would facilitate better communication and attendance. Management concurs with the proposed change.
- The Board unanimously approved the revised Mission and Vision Statements for the district. Details to follow at a later date.
- The Board voted to terminate the lease with MLK Montessori School at the end of the 2008-09 SY which is currently housed at **Village Elementary School**. The relationship between EACS and MLK Montessori School has been a wonderfully positive and collaborative relationship.

NOVEMBER 3RD WORK SESSION

- Annual Reports regarding SAT/ACT Information and Transportation were reviewed.
- The status of MLK Montessori School being housed at **Village Elementary School** was discussed. **Dr. Novotny** provided a brief history. MLK Montessori School is in their second year of being housed at **Village Elementary School**. After a recent meeting with **Village** and **Southwick Elementary School** Principals, along with **Dr. Jeanne Zehr** and MLK Director Bobbi Golani it seems that **Village Elementary School** would be better served if the lease with MLK Montessori school were terminated at the end of the June 2009. Board discussion followed. **Dr. Novotny** will bring a formal recommendation to the Board at the November 18th meeting.
- The proposed Mission and Vision Statements for the District, developed by the Strategic Planning Committee were reviewed.

RECOGNITIONS

Cedarville Elementary School sponsored a Hat Day when anyone wishing to wear a hat to school could do so for only \$1.00. Proceeds from Hat Day were donated to Carley Hoffman's family to help offset the medical expenses she has incurred. **Cedarville students** raised \$525.00. **Leo Elementary School** also held a Hat Day raising \$725.35 for the family. Awesome!



Congratulations to **Heritage** and **Woodlan High Schools' bands**. **Heritage** placed 7th in Class C and **Woodlan** placed 4th in Class D at the ISSMA State Marching Band Competition. You Make Us Proud!

Two **Leo Elementary School** teachers – **Danielle Newman** and **Eric Reynolds** - were recently awarded a 2008 ITT Excellence in Education award. They will receive \$2,000 for their project - "K'NEX - Kids Navigating Extraordinary eXpectations" by ITT Industries and the Allen County Education Partnership. They will be presented a certificate at a later date. Great News!



Superintendent's Visits

- Cedarville Elementary School
- Harlan Elementary School
- Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
- Highland Terrace Elementary
- Leo Elementary School
- Leo Jr./Sr. High School
- Meadowbrook Elementary
- New Haven Middle School
- Southwick Elementary School
- Village Elementary School



PERSONNEL

~ Welcome New Hires ~

- Tonya Van Brocklin, HAEL
- Kara Venderley, SOEL
- Nicole Knott, VIEL

~ Resignation ~

- Anthony Harper, para, PHHS, eff. 10/31/08

~ Retirement ~

- Majorie Koch, Food Service, WOHS, eff. 06/01/09