

Board Briefs

Highlighting Board of Education Action

Utica Community Schools

Regular Meeting - Monday, September 26, 2011

Malow teacher recognized for national award

Kirstin Carolin, Malow Junior High School teacher, was honored for receiving the 2010-2011 outstanding speech, debate and theater educator award from the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHSA). The national award is presented to teachers who demonstrate “significant contributions to speech, debate and theater activities.”

Dr. Johns reported on school open houses, UCSI award nomination and October MEAP testing window

Superintendent Dr. Christine M. Johns reported on successful open houses at the district’s schools. She added that all open houses will be completed before the end of the month, following community feedback about their impact on a positive start to the school year.

Dr. Johns also reported that the Utica Center for Science and Industry will be recognized by Automation Alley on October 14. UCSI has been named a regional finalist for Automation Alley’s education program of the year. Programs are nominated for their vision and influence in preparing student for careers in engineering, mechatronics and multimedia technology.

She added that elementary and junior high school MEAP testing will occur in October. MEAP testing for grades third through ninth will begin October 11 and continue through October 19. The window for make-up tests will continue through October 28. Dr. Johns also commented that the State of Michigan has raised the cut scores for the MEAP tests, which will have an impact on results for students and schools throughout the state.

Student directory information policy revision approved

A policy revision related to the release of student directory information was approved by the Board of Education following a second reading.

Board appoints MASB delegates

UCS Board of Education delegates for the Michigan Association of School Boards were appointed as follows: vice president Gene Klida, treasurer Dr. Robert A. Ross, trustee Daniel J. Meyers and trustee Ken Krolczyk. They will represent the district on a variety of issues affecting education and proposed legislation being considered at the MASB 2011 Delegate Assembly.

BOE commented on UCSFEE golf outing and Band-A-Rama

Mr. Meyers reported on the UCS Foundation’s golf outing fundraiser and thanked Mrs. Klida for her work in making it a success. Board president Dr. Carol Klenow encouraged residents to attend Band-A-Rama on October 9.

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