

Board Briefs

Highlighting Board of Education Action

Utica Community Schools

Regular Meeting - Monday, October 24, 2011

Board celebrates student and staff achievement

The Board of Education recognized the accomplishments of several groups: a Utica High School team that participated in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) national competition, six students and their coaches representing Stevenson High School and the Utica Center for Science and Technology who participated in the national Skills USA tournament, the four UCS high school bands for their Division 1 ratings at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Festival, the Center for Science and Industry for being named Automation Alley's Educational Program of the Year, the Utica Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence for donating \$30,000 for the Superintendent's Scholarship Fund through its Arts & Idols event, and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Employment Services Stephanie Eagen on her Michigan School Business Officials certification.

Dr. Johns reports on November 8 election

Dr. Christine M. Johns began her update to the Board of Education by reporting that the district has been working to communicate details of the November 8 millage election through more than 100 presentations and information in school and community publications.

She continued that the millage would allow our residents to maintain the investment they have made in quality schools, as demonstrated by the many recognition activities at the meeting. Dr. Johns also stressed three important points about the election: the millage represents about a one-quarter of the funds county schools lose on an annual basis due to funding cuts, the proposal would benefit all students, and, unlike the school aid fund, resources created through the millage would go directly to our classrooms.

She closed by reminding community residents that more information is available on school and the district Web sites through the "Our Students, Our Future" link.

Presentation made on new MEAP/MME cut scores

Robert Monroe, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, presented information on the new MEAP/MME cut scores approved by the Michigan Department of Education on September 13. The new scores establish more rigorous levels for students to achieve proficiency.

Board of Education approves contracts

One-year contract agreements were approved for two employee groups: the Utica Paraprofessional Association and Utica Skilled Trades Association.

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