

# Board Briefs

*Highlighting Board of Education Action*

*Utica Community Schools*

## Regular Meeting - Monday, December 12, 2011

### **Board recognizes choirs and band, Utica High girls golf and Eisenhower High football**

Several groups were recognized by the Board of Education for outstanding achievement: Jeannette Junior High School ninth grade band, the Schuchard Elementary choir and the Utica High School show choir for holiday performances at the meeting; the Utica High School girls golf team, which finished sixth in MHSAA Division I finals; and the Eisenhower Varsity Football team and Coach Bob Lantzy, which advanced to the Division I state semi-finals.

### **Dr. Johns reports on school charity drives and the first State of the County address**

Superintendent Dr. Christine Johns reported that more than 200 service projects are being sponsored in our schools to assist those who are in need. These efforts range from supporting a community-wide get well effort for a Morgan student, collecting blankets for the Linus Project to provide warmth and comfort and multiple food collection drives to benefit local families.

She continued that the service projects were another indicator of the important role of our schools in this community. She said that UCS is proud to be able to give back to families and residents that continue to support its local schools as we serve a diverse community that cares deeply about education.

Dr. Johns also commented on Macomb County executive Mark Hackel's first State of the County address and his focus on the area being the world capital of defense and advanced manufacturing technology.

In particular, Dr. Johns referenced the comments about Velocity – a Sterling Heights-based business incubator formed in partnership with the city, Oakland University and Macomb County – that is promoting entrepreneurship in the defense industry. She added that its location within our district uniquely positions Utica Community Schools to meet the training and educational needs this enterprise will generate. Dr. Johns said UCS has already established programs that make our schools a hotbed of science and technology instruction for our region, including FIRST and Lego Robotics.

She concluded her report by wishing the school community a peaceful and happy holiday season.

### **Meeting cancelled**

The Board of Education approved cancellation of its December 26, 2011 regular meeting due to the holiday recess.

### **Contracts awarded**

The board approved bids for additional classroom AV projections systems district-wide and for technology infrastructure and equipment for the Utica High School renovation project.

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