



# EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

## BOARD HAPPENINGS

September 2 and 16, 2008



### SEPTEMBER 16TH BOARD MEETING

This meeting was held in the cafeteria at **Heritage Jr./Sr. High School**. Two presentations were given: Representing the **Heritage** Guidance Department **Jennifer Hunter**, and **Laura Robinson**, gave a brief presentation regarding the Gold Star Counseling Certification that they recently completed. In addition, **Bob Rohrbacher** and **April Steury** updated the Board on the district's ESL Program. The district has seen significant growth in its ESL population since Fall 2007. Currently 22 different languages are spoken throughout the District.

-The Budget for the 2009SY was unanimously approved by the Board.

### SEPTEMBER 2ND WORK SESSION

■ Discussion occurred regarding the following annual reports:

- Asset Protection Information & Achievement Gap Update – Brief discussion occurred.
- High Ability Information – The Board requested more information regarding the criteria used in the selection process for high ability students.
- Professional Development Update – The Board is requested that some kind of measuring tool/survey/etc. be instituted to measure the effect of the customer service training that was given to secretarial staff back in the Spring. They would also like to gather public feedback regarding all front office support staff at our buildings.
- Retention Report - The Board requested more information such as how many seniors did not graduate, and data on how many fifth year Seniors that were to return did come back and how many of those are sticking with the program thus far. Furthermore, the Board asked for retention numbers as compared to last year's numbers at each school.

■ The district has several major projects scheduled for next year— two Board members are required to serve on the Architect/Engineer Selection Committee when the cost of a construction project exceeds \$500,000. After brief discussion, **Mr. Allgeier** and **Mr. Etzler** volunteered, and were named to this committee.

**Mrs. Lightfoot** inquired about the possibility of providing complimentary sports passes to senior citizens throughout our district. **Dr. MacLean** is currently gathering information from school administrators and will report her findings to the Board in the near future.

### RECOGNITIONS



**Woodlan High School** alumna and Olympic Volleyball Gold Medalist Lloy Ball returned to Woodburn this past Saturday for a celebration. The parade was rained out, but he signed autographs for over four hours.

### Superintendent's Visits

- Cedarville Elementary
- Harlan Elementary School
- Heritage Jr./Sr. High
- Highland Terrace Elem.
- Hoagland Elementary
- Leo Elementary School
- Leo Jr./Sr. High School
- Monroeville Elementary
- New Haven Elementary
- New Haven High School
- Paul Harding High School
- Prince Chapman Academy
- Southwick Elementary
- Village Elementary School
- Woodburn Elementary
- Woodlan Jr./Sr. High

### PERSONNEL ~ Resignations~

- **Kay Beemer**, nurse, SOEL, eff. 08/15/08
- **Janice Rebber**, food service, NHMS, eff. 08/13/08
- **Tonya Schweyer**, food service, PCA, eff. 08/08/08
- **Pamela York**, food service, eff. 08/11/08
- **Linda Miller**, custodian, WOHS, eff. 09/05/08
- **Jody Short**, food service, LEHS, eff. 08/29/08
- **Stacy Dunfee**, food service, NHEL, eff. 08/19/08
- **Terry Gebhart**, Transportation, eff. 10/10/08
- **Rute Wahli**, para, NHMS, eff. 09/12/08

### PERSONNEL ~ Welcome New Teachers~

- **Benita Cooper**, VIEL
- **Megan Somers**, VIEL
- **Leah Swire**, HOEL
- **Bernard White**, PHHS
- **Stephanie Lude**, HIEL

### ~ Retirements~

- **Fredia Teusch**, food service, HAEL, eff. 11/01/08
- **Lori Gerke**, Food Service Mgr., CEEL, eff. 09/12/08
- **M. Kay Novotny**, Superintendent of Schools, eff. 06/30/09